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'At least 1K more rooms needed'

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Despite the opening of a few small hotels on island, there remains a large shortage of rooms to accommodate all tourists and guests who want to visit the CNMI.

Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands president Nick Nishikawa estimates that the Commonwealth needs 1,000 more hotel rooms during peak seasons.

The peak season for hotels, according to the HANMI president, is from December to March. Other months are considered normal, if not low, for many of

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A quiet celebration on Monday

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residents U.S. citizens. Some officials, however, said it is enough that the

Three days from now, on March 24, the CNMI will mark—without any formal ceremony or fanfare—the 38th year of the signing of the Covenant, the document that made the Northern Marianas a part of the United States and later made its

» **CNMI to mark 38th year of political relationship with US**

CNMI reflects on—and be thankful for—its political relationship with America to mark the historic date.

Covenant Day, as it is known, is an observed CNMI holiday.

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Evangelista to run for AG

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Attorney Michael “Mike” Norita Evangelista declared yesterday his candidacy for the CNMI’s first ever attorney

general election in November, vowing to not tolerate corruption in all levels of government, treat everyone equally under the law, and not allow politics to interfere in the work of the Office of the Attorney General.

Evangelista, 42, is so far the second individual to declare his AG candidacy.

The first one is former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan, who announced his candidacy on Feb. 8.

November will be the first time CNMI voters will get to elect their attorney general, as a result of voters’ overwhelming

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▲ Attorney Michael “Mike” Norita Evangelista declares his candidacy for the CNMI’s first attorney general election during a ceremony at Aqua Resort Club yesterday. Besides Evangelista, there is so far one other AG candidate, former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

No public hearing in sight on Saipan casino bill

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Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) asked Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) yesterday to hold a public hearing on the proposed

amendments to the controversial Saipan casino bill, now that the 40-day period for Gov. Eloy S. Inos to act on the legislation is still weeks away. Another option, which is to introduce a new bill that includes the proposed amendments, was brought up during a joint leadership

meeting but not considered.

As of yesterday, there is no telling whether any public hearing on the proposed amendments—or any new bill—will be held.

Manglona’s request comes days after Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz also asked the Senate to hold a public hearing on the casino bill on Tinian, where the only operating casino, Tinian Dynasty

Hotel & Casino, is located.

“Since we still have a few weeks left before the 40-day time period for the governor to act on the measure, I am kindly requesting if you, as chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, can schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendments of HB 18-179 as agreed upon by the leadership of both houses,” Manglo-

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Local

February 2014 visitor arrivals up 8 percent

February 2014 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands increased 8 percent compared to February 2013. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 41,311 visitors in February 2014 compared to 38,350 in February 2013.

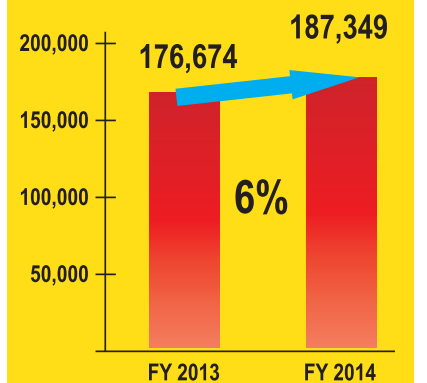
Arrivals from Japan dropped 25 percent in February to 11,165 visitors. A 22-percent decline in air seat supply from Narita impacted the Japanese market heavily, as Delta temporarily suspended its second night flight from Narita and several flights were disrupted due to heavy snowstorms in Tokyo during the month. The average occupancy of major Saipan hotels in February was in excess of 98 percent, and Japanese wholesalers have been struggling to secure rooms. Further weakness is anticipated in the Japan market from April when the consumption tax increases from 5 percent to 8 percent with weakness, continuing until new low-cost air carriers enter the Japan to NMI market this summer for the first time.

Arrivals from Korea rose 9 percent in February to 11,053 visitors. Dynamic Airways doubled the number of flights from Seoul to the NMI from two a week to four a week during the high season from Jan. 5 to Feb. 28, 2014, ensuring continued strong growth in arrivals out of the Korea market for the period. Dynamic Airways will, however, temporarily suspend the current flights from March 12 to April 26 due to low demand. Dynamic Airways has established

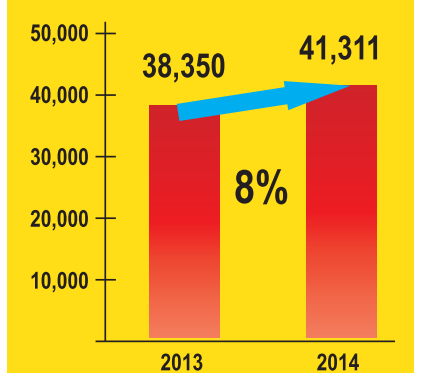
a new Korea branch office at Incheon International Airport and will use this downtime to rework their strategies for the Korean market and develop a news sales and marketing action plan before relaunching the flights from April 26.

Meanwhile, arrivals from

Visitor Arrivals Year to Date
FY 2013 vs. FY 2014



Visitor Arrivals
Feb. 2013 vs. Feb. 2014



Source: Marianas Visitors Authority

China jumped 42 percent in February to 15,295 visitors, the most of any source country. This growth was due in part to the Lunar New Year that took place in February this year, when outbound travel to all destinations worldwide from China rose 18.1 percent year-on-year. Travel to the NMI grew much faster year-on-year than to other competing destinations due primarily

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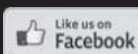
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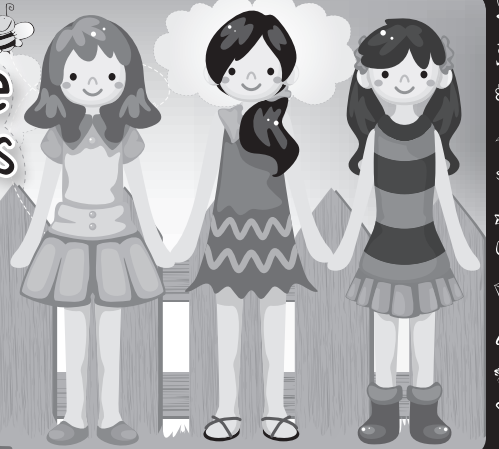
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FOLLOWING JUSTICES' ORDER FOR A NEW TRIAL

Woman sent to jail for sex abuse released

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has ordered the release of a 32-year-old woman whom he sentenced in 2010 to eight years in prison for sex abuse of a minor in the first degree.

In an order on Wednesday, Wiseman ordered the release of Geraldine Marie Sanchez from the Department of Corrections after the CNMI Supreme Court vacated her conviction.

On Monday, the Supreme Court set aside the conviction and sent the matter back to the Superior Court for a new trial.

The justices found that Wiseman mistakenly instructed the jury that the sexual abuse of a minor did not have to be committed by a certain date because it violated the age requirements in the relevant statutes.

With the high court's opinion, assistant public defender Eden Schwartz, counsel for Sanchez, immediately filed a motion for

an order releasing Sanchez from custody.

Schwartz said that if the government decides to pursue a new trial, the court should release Sanchez on an unsecured appearance bond with conditions that will ensure her presence in court.

According to court records, Sanchez was arrested in December 2009 after the boy's mother learned from neighbors that Sanchez had sex with her son when

he was just 15 years old.

Sanchez was then a neighbor and friend of the victim's family.

In July 2010, a jury found Sanchez guilty of one count each of

sex abuse of a minor in the first and second degrees, but not guilty on the charge of sex abuse of a minor in the 4th degree.

In September 2010, Wiseman sentenced Sanchez to eight years in prison without parole. She went to prison on Oct. 6, 2010.

Sanchez, through counsel, then appealed to the high court.

Jurors deliberate in suit vs Quichocho

»13 claims, counterclaims, difficult legal issues involved

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The nine jurors failed to reach a unanimous verdict yesterday, the start of their deliberations in the ongoing jury trial of businesswoman Jung Ja Kim's racketeering lawsuit against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, his wife Frances, his law firm, and their Karris LLC company.

The jurors will continue their deliberations today, Friday, in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. The trial began last Feb. 3.

The deliberations are not expected to be completed in a day due to voluminous exhibits and documents submitted by both parties. The legal issues involved are also complicated, particularly the racketeering claim.

Kim asserts eight claims

Lions to hold vision-screening, orientation this Sunday on Rota

The Lions Clubs International District 204 will visit Rota to conduct a Lions orientation and vision-screening this Sunday, March 23. Both orientation and screening will be held at the conference room of the Rota Mayor's Office, with the vision screening in the morning and the orientation in the afternoon.

Vision screening includes a free eye check, free reading glasses, and eye health literatures.

Lions district governor Anna-

Governor's Office change phone numbers

Due to a system upgrade, there has been a change in telephone numbers for the Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor as well as most offices located in the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan. As a result, telephone numbers for these offices with a 664 prefix may no longer be functional.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider

against the Quichocho and co-defendants. The claims are three counts of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, one count of legal malpractice—professional negligence, one count of legal malpractice—breach of fiduciary duty, one count of breach of lease, one count of conversion, and one count of fraud.

The Quichocho, the law office, and Tan Dingo LLC, also filed five counterclaims against Kim. The claims are conversion, interference with marital relationship, unjust enrichment, quantum meruit, and fraud.

Quantum meruit determines the amount to be paid for services when no contract exists or when there is doubt as to the amount due for the work performed but done under circumstances when payment could be expected.

Attorney Quichocho and his law firm assert a claim against Kim for unpaid attorney's fees under the theory of quantum meruit.

belle Dancel, who will lead the orientation, will be accompanied by immediate past district governor Herbie Perez and Paul Madriaga of the Saipan Marianas Lions Club.

Madriaga said he will be in contact with Alejandro Badilles and the Rota Mayor's Office. "I asked him to gather many service people who are willing to be part of the Lions Club and serve the community," Madriaga said. *(Jayson Camacho)*

ask for the public's cooperation and understanding during this transition period and extend their sincerest apology for any inconvenience caused by the telephone number change.

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EVANGELISTA

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ratification of House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) elected AG initiative in 2012.

"I think that corruption is hindrance to society's progress and that's why we need a strong attorney general who will enforce and adhere to the law and does not buckle under political interference. I think it's easier to just follow the law rather than make exemptions or to treat certain individuals [differently]. Everyone should be fairly and equally treated under the law, no one is above the law," Evangelista said.

He declared his AG candidacy before a considerable crowd of family members, friends, and supporters at Aqua Resort Club yesterday.

Evangelista's campaign manager is former senator Thomas

"Kiyu" Villagomez, while his assistant campaign manager is B.J. Tenorio Attao. The treasurer is Ignacia "Acha" Lifofoi-Evangelista. Evangelista said his senior adviser is Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Joe Lifofoi.

Evangelista said the public's "overwhelming" vote on the elected AG initiative indicated the public's desire to have an "independent attorney general, one free from political interference."

"That mandate also was that they wanted an attorney general who will not tolerate corruption in government. They wanted an attorney general who will fight and clean up corruption in all levels of government," he added.

Evangelista said he was one of the estimated 20 assistant attorneys general at the Office of the Attorney General who resigned days or weeks apart from each other when former AG

Edward Buckingham came in at the OAG.

"We just couldn't operate under that kind of leadership. We were seeing things that in our view were not appropriate but we felt that as attorneys, officers of the court, we have to uphold the law. But with regards to leaving the office, yes I did not agree with the leadership and I couldn't be a part of that style of leadership," Evangelista said, referring to Buckingham's leadership at the OAG.

Buckingham was recently convicted of corruption and sentenced to 3.5 years, all suspended. The charges against Buckingham are almost the same charges against former governor Benigno R. Fitial, who resigned days after the House sent the impeachment process to the Senate for trial.

Evangelista pointed out, however, that he enjoyed working at

the OAG, where he started his career as an attorney.

"There's still a lot to be done at the Attorney General's Office, still a lot to be fixed... We have very hardworking people at the Attorney General's Office, both staff and attorneys, and we need to support them. We need to equip them with the tools, training, and support to make these hardworking individuals be able to effectively and efficiently perform their duties and obligations, so that we set them up to succeed," he added.

Evangelista is a graduate of Northern Marianas College and Washington State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science. He returned home after college and worked as a legislative assistant for the CNMI Legislature. He then pursued and successfully earned his law degree at the University of Idaho College of Law.

CELEBRATION

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of the Northern Mariana Islands were joined with the people of the United States. On its face—in the Covenant—this joining was a 'political relationship.' But in reality, although sometimes contentious, this relationship is so much more," Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said that, while there have been "challenges along the way" since the political relationship was established, "we must still celebrate the vast opportunities we have reaped as a result of the Covenant."

The governor also recognizes the "honorable framers of the Covenant."

They include Edward DLG. Pangelinan, Vicente N. Santos, Juan LG. Cabrera, Vicente T. Camacho, Jose R. Cruz, Bernard V. Hofschneider, Benjamin T. Manglona, Daniel T. Muña, Dr. Francisco T. Palacios, Joaquin I. Pangelinan, Manuel A. Sablan, Joannes B. Taimanao, and Pedro A. Tenorio.

"These leaders worked long hours day in and day out to reach an agreement that would benefit us and our beloved islands," Inos added.

On March 24, 1976, President Gerald Ford signed a joint congressional resolution approving a mutually negotiated "Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States."

The Covenant defines the unique relationship between the Northern Marianas and the United States, recognizing U.S. sovereignty but limiting, in some respects, applicability of federal law. The Commonwealth accordingly enjoys a greater degree of autonomy than most U.S. territories.

Sablan said the Covenant signing "fulfilled our long held desire 'to be a part of a nation with shared goals and values found in the American system of government based upon the principles of government by the consent of the governed, individual freedom, and democracy.'"

"And as we celebrate 38 years since the approval of the Covenant, I also remember with gratitude the members of the Marianas Political Status Commission, for it is they who worked hard in negotiations that brought about the relationship that I believe is the best between a territory and the United States," he added.

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) said yesterday he doesn't believe there's a need

for a formal event to mark Covenant Day, so long as residents take the time to "reflect on" the CNMI's relationship with the United States.

But he said it could also be time to reexamine that relationship, not necessarily change or cut the ties.

"What we have now is a good relationship with the United States. We are also appreciative of the U.S. citizenship. But there's still room for improving that relationship," Camacho said.

The CNMI will mark Covenant Day weeks after the House of Representatives passed a bill creating a Second Marianas Political Status Commission that would examine "whether the people desire continuing in a political union" with the U.S. under the Covenant.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), a former CNMI immigration director, said the question should be brought before voters, and not pushed through legislation.

In previous years, when the Covenant Party was still alive, the party would mark the holiday with a gathering of families, friends, party members, and members of the public. The Covenant Party was recently dissolved, after it was absorbed by the Republican Party.

The Covenant was negotiated

shikawa said the amount their member hotels charge guests is reasonable. During peak season, most hotels apply a little higher rate, about up to 10 percent of the normal rate, he said. A reduced rate is enforced during normal or low season.

Combined with an attractive product to offer, these factors keep tourists coming back to the island, Nishikawa added.

He pointed out that tourists enjoy coming to the islands because of affordability of the hotel industry's rates. Hotels cannot just impose higher rates, he said, because this may mean a reduction in potential arrivals.

"Tourists are looking at a marked rate...and in order to

be competitive, we need to offer a reasonable price. That's what we're doing here," he said.

The coming of the Sheraton brand in the Commonwealth, Nishikawa said, is very welcome news for HANMI. This means more promotions for the destination, resulting in increased arrivals.

Nishikawa admits that the plan of many hotels to renovate their facilities hinges on the years that remain on their land leases.

Under the law, private land leases are only up to 55 years while public land leases are up to 40 years. HANMI supports extending land leases in the CNMI by up to 75 to 99 years, as previously recommended to

over the course of 27 months, from December 1972 to February 1975, by the Marianas Political Status Commission, made up of representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands, and a delegation representing the United States.

Of the 95 percent of all registered voters who cast ballots in the plebiscite, 78.8 percent voted to approve the Covenant.

The Covenant was subsequently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 21, 1975, and by the U.S. Senate on Feb. 24, 1976. A month later, President Ford signed Public Law 94-241 (90 Stat. 263), enacting the Covenant.

Some provisions became effective on that date, pursuant to Covenant Section 1003(a).

The remaining provisions became effective on Jan. 9, 1978, as well as on Nov. 4, 1986, when qualified residents of the Northern Mariana Islands became U.S. citizens.

Decades later, federal minimum wage applied to the CNMI. In 2008, a law was signed placing CNMI immigration under federal control, which took effect on Nov. 28, 2009. The same law allowed CNMI voters to elect for the first time their nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

the Legislature.

Despite the uptick in the number of arrivals from key markets such as Japan, Korea, China, and Russia, Nishikawa says that HANMI cannot just sit back and relax.

"There's always uncertainty [in this kind of business]. We always have our fear because unexpected things may always happen," he said, citing the 2011 Japan tsunami and other past crises that gravely impacted the hotel and tourism industries.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands has 12 member hotels. It was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI.

After his return to the CNMI, he worked at the Superior Court, as a special policy adviser and chief of staff for the House speaker's office, and then as an assistant attorney general. He worked as a prosecutor in the OAG's Criminal Division.

In 2010, Evangelista opened his own private law firm, the Law Office of Michael Norita Evangelista LLC in Chalan Kanoa.

CASINO

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na told Taimanao.

A copy of the letter was also sent to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

At the proposed public hearing, Manglona said that officials should try to get individuals who are knowledgeable in the casino industry and can assist with some of the language and tax provisions in the bill.

"Hopefully, there are gaming industry experts on island that can testify at the public hearing on issues involving gaming, gambling, slot machines, the gaming entertainment industry, casino operators, and casino resort hotels," he said.

He said the public hearing will also allow lawmakers the opportunity to hear directly from the people on how they feel about the industry.

"The public can also participate in the final formulation of the proposed amendments. I know you agree with me that this is a long term commitment that we will all be making, and so let's use this opportunity to do it right. This is the time and opportunity to make sure that we will reap what we sow," Manglona added.

The House passed the Saipan casino bill on March 3, about a month after it was prefiled without public hearing or without

In his campaign slogan, "Mike CARES," he said the latter word stands for "Competent, Approachable, Responsive, Energetic and Sensible."

Evangelista was born and raised in Tanapag. He is of Chamorro-Carolinian-Filipino descent.

"I am proud of my multi-ethnic, multi-cultural identity, which is reflective of the CNMI's diverse population," he said.

referral to a committee. A day later, the Senate passed it.

Members of the public and lawmakers who voted against the bill described the passage as "rushed," and questioned the motive behind the manner in which the legislation was handled at the Legislature. The governor later called for a joint meeting with House and Senate members to work on proposed amendments should he decide to sign the bill.

As of yesterday, the Inos administration and lawmakers are still reviewing the proposed amendments to the casino bill.

"The administration continues to work closely with members of the Legislature to address technical errors and to formulate the necessary amendments. Once this joint effort is completed, the governor and the members will determine the following course of action," press secretary Angel Demapan said.

The Tinian mayor separately reiterated yesterday that the bill now before the governor should be "recalled" by the Legislature.

"They should at least start with a clean bill, with the proposed amendments they have been working on and hold public hearings. If Tinian and Rota can do it, I'm sure Saipan can do it, too. Why are they taking a short cut? It's the manner by which they are handling the bill that's raising a lot of questions," Dela Cruz said.

FEBRUARY

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marily to the launch of new Dynamic flights by Century Tours from Hangzhou and Tianjin.

Arrivals from Russia grew 44 percent to 1,134 visitors in February. While the total number of outbound travelers from Russia to all destinations worldwide is now falling compared to the same period in 2013 due to the ongoing economic slowdown in Russia, arrivals to the CNMI continue to soar as a result of strong airlift from East Russia from AVIACHARTERS and Asiana Airlines. With the formal opening of the MVA's Vladivostok office in February, active promotions targeting the East Russia market will be launched to sustain continued rapid growth out of the East Russia market during the coming months, although the lack of availability of hotel rooms in the CNMI remains a major concern for Russian partners in supporting continued growth out of the Russian market.

Economic highlights

The Japan Cabinet's February report assessed the Japanese economy continues its recovery at a moderate pace. The yen dropped in value in early February and has since hovered around 102 to the U.S. dollar.

According to the Bank of Korea, the Korean economy is expected to post a year-on-year rate of growth in the upper 3-percent range, with growth in 2014 estimated to continue running at around the potential growth rate. The won/dollar exchange rate fell 7.92 over the past month to close at 1,067.58 won per dollar.

Chinese economists expect GDP growth to remain at 7.5 percent year-on-year for 2014, the same as in 2013, sustained by economic recovery in developed countries, slower RMB appreciation and growth in consumer spending. The Chinese currency Renminbi, or the yuan, weakened 8 basis points to 6.1192 against the U.S. dollar on Feb. 26, according to China Foreign Exchange Trading System. (MVA)

ROOMS

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the islands' major hotels.

"Small hotels are opening up...but still rooms are not enough. Maybe we need another 1,000 rooms in order to accommodate all our guests. We have many tourists who want to extend their stay but there's nothing we can do about it because rooms are all reserved in advance. That's our main challenge," he said.

During peak seasons, HANMI member hotels post 90 to 100 percent occupancy rate; it varies from 70 to 80 percent during normal or low seasons.

In terms of room rates, Ni-

Charges vs 3 men dismissed but cops re-arrest them

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Three men facing charges of burglarizing one of the units at Monte Vista Hotel in Upper Navy Hill thought they've gotten off scot-free after the Superior Court dismissed the charges against them yesterday but even before the trio could get out of jail, police arrested them again on the same charges.

At yesterday's preliminary

Quichocho's client in ADA lawsuit found dead

Attorney Ramon K. Quichocho informed the federal court yesterday that one of his clients, who was suing several businesses for allegedly having facilities that are not accessible to persons with disabilities, had been found dead.

Quichocho said that Petra Rulyan spoke to him on March 13, 2014, and that she confirmed that William A. Tracy passed away before Feb. 7, 2014.

Quichocho said that Tracy is the father of Rulyan's children.

Quichocho said that, according to Rulyan, Tracy's body was found on Feb. 7, 2014. He has already been buried.

The lawyer said that attorney Jane Mack of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation sent him an email on March 7, informing him that Rulyan wanted to let him know that Tracy died.

No other details about Tracy's death were indicated in the notice.

\$2M water project underway

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp., in partnership with the Water Task Force, will be replacing the Puerto Rico water storage tank to ensure a reliable water supply in Puerto Rico and surrounding communities.

According to CUC, the existing water storage tank is now unsafe. A recent inspection uncovered the failure of roof support rafters and other weaknesses in the tank.

The project is funded through a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration combined with \$500,000 in matching funds from the CNMI.

The project was designed by Duenas, Camacho & Associates and will be built by AIC Marianas. Construction is expected to begin in about three weeks, according to CUC.

Bird Island Beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Bird Island Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this site contained excessive con-

centrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500.

hearing, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed without prejudice the charges against Vincent Daniel Q. Terlaje, Kyle Kauila Cabael, and Kelvin Kentaro Yasui Muña, as the government failed to prove its case at this time.

Camacho said the Office of the Attorney General failed to identify the defendants.

When a case is dismissed without prejudice, the prosecution can refile the matter.

Terlaje was charged with

receiving stolen property, illegal possession of a controlled substance, and trafficking of controlled substance; Cabael with burglary, theft, conspiracy, and receiving stolen property; and Muña with burglary, theft, conspiracy, and receiving stolen property.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister appeared for the government. Attorneys Jennifer Dockter, David Banes, and Daniel Guidotti served as court-appointed counsels for the suspects.

Saipan Tribune learned that Terlaje, Cabael, and Muna were smiling as they were escorted back to the Department of Corrections.

As DOC officers were processing their release from jail,

police submitted in court new arrest warrants for the same incident. Camacho signed the arrest warrants for the three suspects and imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for each. Police then went to DOC and served them with the new arrest warrants.

According to police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan in her report, a police officer was sent to the Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant on Feb. 17, 2014, in response to a burglary and theft incident.

Pangelinan said one of the rooms was burglarized and stolen were the occupant's \$1,000 cash, Korean currency, Korean bank checks, cigarettes, camera, credit cards, comforter, blanket, pillow,

cell phone, liquor, and other items.

Pangelinan said someone received information that two persons were caught on surveillance camera exchanging Korean currency at the 99

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Pangelinan's review of the surveillance camera led to the identification of the two who exchanged the Korean money and the eventual arrest of all three suspects.

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COTA to meet with GRTA on ferry service

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority will be meeting with the Guam Regional Transit Authority to discuss both resolutions adopted by the Guam and CNMI Legislatures that support the creation of a regional transportation between the CNMI and Guam.

COTA's special assistant for public transportation Thomas Camacho said his office has planned for a conference call with the GRTA as a first step in responding to the Guam and CNMI resolutions calling for affordable alternative transportation system by means of ferry.

The discussions, he said, will focus on a possible Guam-CNMI partnership, the lead grant applicant for Guam-

CNMI ferry system feasibility study, and other related topics.

Guam senators introduced and adopted in January this year Senate Resolution 279-32, authored by Guam Sen. Tina Rose Barnes, which called for the Guam Legislature to support the promotion of a ferry service or other similar passenger and cargo service between Guam and the CNMI.

Camacho himself testified in January on behalf of Gov. Eloy S. Inos about public and private partnerships being key to a CNMI-Guam ferry service. "There must be a convergence between private passenger boat operators who provide sterling customer service and the experience and skill of marine labor," he said.

The CNMI Legislature fol-

lowed suit with the adoption on Feb. 18, 2014, of Senate Resolution 18-26 titled: "To support alternative regional transportation between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through ferry service or by similar vessels."

"This now just shows that CNMI leaders are serious and committed toward supporting public transportation system for the Commonwealth," Camacho said.

"It is fully adopted, so both Guam and CNMI support ferries between Rota and Guam, now we have to proceed with GRTA, to work together and to meet with them and come up with a plan and discuss forming a regional advisory com-

mittee," he said.

Benefits

SR 18-26 states that due to increasing demands of transporting goods and services as well as providing additional means of transportation, the addition of ferry services or similar vessels will be highly beneficial to the promotion of inter-island trade between Guam and the CNMI.

Creating this transport system is seen as a means for Guam and the CNMI to ultimately expand the tourism market as well as infuse new money into both economies, and will not only supplement air travel but can also be used as a source of inter-island commuter service for work, delivery service, tourist attraction

and for emergency responses.

"COTA and CPTAB stand ready to work with our leaders, regional partner such as the Guam Regional Transit Authority and their leaders in moving forward with this exciting but challenging task," Camacho said. "With all the right players on board and the right planning, we will realize this major good for both the CNMI and Guam residents and visitors alike, especially our neighboring island of Rota...a ferry system feasibility study is a must for both Saipan-Tinian and CNMI-Guam ferry system." (*Jayson Camacho*)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Petitioner,) FCD-DI
Xu Wenping) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 13-0475
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Wang Guozhi) SUMMONS FOR
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In Re The Matter of
Appointment of
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Estate of:

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By:

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NO. 14-0081

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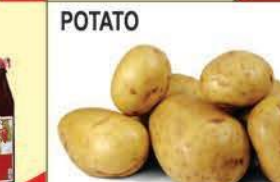
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Team Bodig to host comedy show fundraiser

The 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer's Team Bodig will be hosting a comedy show fundraiser on March 28, Friday, at Naked Fish Bar & Grill in Susupe. The lineup will include famed local comedians Patrick "China Man" Arriola, Jay Sanchez, and Guam's Frank Rios. Tickets are only \$20 each and includes one free drink. Tickets can be purchased from any

Team Bodig member or by calling Bridgette Camacho at 287-6772.

"The 2014 MMAC committee invites the general public to support Team Bodig's efforts in raising funds for the fight against cancer. Their exciting fundraising event will surely be enjoyable," said MMAC overall committee chair Manny Borja. "All funds raised at this

event will be donated to the MMAC so please join us for a fun-filled night."

The 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held from 6pm to 6am on May 2-3 at Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao. For more info on the MMAC call 989-1987, email emanuel.borja@gmail.com or visit dev.ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Wishing our birthday celebrants a belated or advanced happy birthday: Dean Camacho, Pauline Mendiola, Athena Jaycee, Krista C. Falig, and all those celebrating their birthdays in March. A special belated birthday shoutout to our Mom/Grandma Josepha T. Camacho. May God bless you all with many more birthdays to come.



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Happy birthday to Patrick Arriola and many more to come. May your day be filled with lots of love and joy. Greetings come from your friends and family.



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Who's included?

The settlement applies to a class comprised of all merchants that accept American Express cards at any location in the United States (including at a physical merchant location, online or via a mobile application) as of or after February 12, 2014, onward.

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Court hearing about the Settlement.

The Court will hold a hearing on **September 17, 2014** to consider whether to approve the settlement and the request by the attorneys for the class for attorneys' fees, expenses, and service awards up to a maximum total of \$75 million. You do not need to appear at the hearing or hire your own attorney. But you can if you want to, at your own cost. The Court has appointed Friedman Law Group, LLP, Reinhardt, Wendorf & Blanchfield, and Patton Boggs LLP to represent the class.

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Russia's brazen annexation of Crimea

Russia's annexation of Crimea came despite U.S. and European threats to impose economic sanctions if President Vladimir Putin moved to take back the former Russian province that was ceded to Ukraine decades ago. Putin evidently calculated he could defy those warnings. Now President Barack Obama has little choice but to make good on his vow to punish Moscow, though there may not be much the United States or its allies can do in the short run to roll back Russia's aggression.

It's been barely three weeks since Putin's ally, former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, was ousted from office in a popular uprising against his government's corruption and brutality against protesters in Kiev's Independence Square. Within days, heavily armed Russian Special Operations troops wearing uniforms without national insignia appeared on the streets of Simferopol, Crimea's provincial capital, and Sevastopol, home to Russia's Black Sea Fleet. Pro-Russian provincial officials then announced a hastily called referendum to determine whether Crimea should become part of Russia using a ballot that made no provision for voters to choose to remain citizens of Ukraine.

Obama and European leaders pressed Putin not to go ahead with a patently fraudulent election conducted under the guns of an occupying army, but he ignored their demands. On Sunday, Crimea's mostly Russian-speaking population voted "overwhelmingly" to join Russia in a rigged election in which the number of ballots cast exceeded the total population of the province by several hundred thousand. Two days later, Putin formally annexed the province.

Putin boasted that he accomplished it virtually without firing a shot; instead he maneuvered forces in secret to capture strategic points while issuing a stream of propaganda and cyber attacks to keep officials in Kiev and the West guessing, off balance and unable to react before it was too late. The result is the gravest European security crisis since the end of the Cold War.

President Obama thus has been presented with what is effectively a fait accompli. There is no conceivable military option by the U.S. or NATO that is likely to force Mr. Putin to back down, and the economic and diplomatic measures the West could use to enforce its threat to isolate Russia would take a long time to make their effects felt in a way that might persuade Putin that the costs invading Crimea exceed its benefits. Until that calculus becomes clear to him, Crimea is likely to stay part of Russia for the foreseeable future despite Washington's pledge never to recognize the region's altered status.

It's important, however, for the West to keep up the pressure, not only to convince Putin that he is ultimately better off negotiating Crimea's status with the Ukrainian government but to deter him from attempting further territorial grabs in other former Soviet Republics and satellites.

The best way to prevent a repeat of what happened in Ukraine is for the West to present a united front that's sustainable over the long run and that convinces Putin he cannot violate international law with impunity.

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Irony of a rainy day

It's an overcast day sprinkled by lazy drizzles. Coincidental the irony in the melody playing in the background: "Here's that rainy day." Do I accept it or wrestle my way out of it? For excitement I asked myself: What haven't we driven into the ditch already?

Ditched: The Retirement Fund is bankrupt and would end in 2019. When that is history, we would return to marshland fishing tilapia, walk wooded areas between Afetña to Tanapag for land crab, or remote places for wild yam and chicken. Wonder what else would we peddle in an economic dystopia—where nothing works—to make it into the next break of dawn.

CUC is equally insolvent or broke and doesn't have the funds to put in place reliable, stable, and affordable power. Out the window goes business expansion so additional revenue generation goes out the window. It's a major component in the deepening economic mess here. Is anybody home?

Question: We boast of tourism improvement, ignoring the real question: How much revenue has it sent to the local coffers? Haven't we been looking at the wrong numbers riddled with fallacy?

CHC was left to fend for itself under a new arrangement without transition funds and timeline. This was a decision by the former governor who plundered the livelihood of posterity. It's a legacy carried forward to this day. Our salute to the board for its agility salvaging the only public hospital here, albeit difficult the fiscal issues they have to endure.

Slowly, CHC is back on its feet and should do well fiscally as issues are refined and improved in the interest of the general public. No sense of responsibility or accountability from the former commander-in-mischief that equally spouted indigenous self-government. It was more a statist (dictatorial) government.

Violation: Did the Inos administration step in to rescue the Fund? Where did it get its authority to arbitrarily cut retirees' pay by 25 percent? Isn't the violation of constitutional law illegal? Are we supposed to accept a government by fiat as change from Fitial's dictatorial term? Isn't there what's known as "fidelity to constitutional law?"

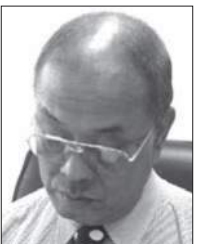
Unsettling the violation of the concept of separation of powers that unilaterally encroaches upon the power of the judicial branch. The only room given Inos in this case is enforcement but never the authority to ignore it altogether. It's constitutional law and not an idea to violate or ignore at will. Fitial/Inos never paid into the Fund, though the law they sought was declared unconstitutional. Where did they get statutory or constitutional relief?

Debts: Moreover, the CNMI is saddled with other hefty financial obligations while revenue generation is stuck dead on its track. It puts meeting payments on a timely basis problematic and opens the door for missed deadlines, including meeting the court adjudicated settlement agreement.

Casino: Has the CNMI done anything successfully besides driving everything into the ditch or bankruptcy? We now move headlong into casino—an industry we know nothing about—convinced we could get more money from license and annual fees. Las Vegas thrives on the taxes of its casino industry, not from breadcrumb fees. It involves the counting of soft and hard money fully guarded. Did we know this or is it fine to ignore the bigger purse of the industry?

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



New Hampshire has just shot down casino gambling, knowing it has failed to deliver the monetary promises made in nearby states with casinos. It's good to learn from its state legislators who are paid \$100 per year, none of whom is beholden to special interests.

We've bankrupted the Fund, CHC, CUC and the last "C", casino, waiting to be the next casualty of bankruptcy. We've specialized doing things headlong without using our cranium to figure out "what's north!" It's humiliating!

With heaps of debts and casino industry set to further ruin the economic and fiscal posture of the CNMI, why are we setting ourselves up to subsidize this industry? The cumulative debt is over a billion dollars. Isn't this fiscal impotence a dangerous trend? Why dig a wider and deeper hole?

Where's the culture of responsibility? Isn't "we the people" the government? Why have we surrendered government to two incompetent and clueless branches? Isn't it time that we reclaim it from the arrogant bunch heavily beholden to special interest groups?

Uneventful issues

Buddy Magoo was helping compile names of this year's "horse race" (general election) of every stripe. He said he enjoys a hypothetical scenario where we camp all candidates at a cattle ranch. At dawn, we slam the gates open and watch the guys mow each other down.

He breaks down an interesting file into: Never Been (new), Has Been (incumbent), Fossil Head, and Dinosaurs. He explained each category:

Never Been: Prospective candidates who're basically greenhorns or neophytes.

Has Been: Useless incumbents standing far too long on the regurgitation assembly line.

Fossil Head: Those who've lost relevancy, incapable of articulation on most issues.

Dinosaurs: Deadbeats, basically relics who lack credibility.

Whichever category you wedge yourself in or fit your overblown ego, voters instantly do their mental Google to size you up. So you're not as free as you think from critical scrutiny. Voters will find you even if you withdraw into a hermit crab hole.

It would be interesting talking to the guys in each category if only to explore their knowledge-based understanding of issues. I mean, we have to know their literacy level lest one might chance saying that "diplomacy" is a high school diploma or that policy is about police officers. It's vital when global issues and their implications affect these islands. Must know if they know their issues or if they don't know that they don't know. The latter case is a trip to trouble land.

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Tourism? Please wait a moment.

Although tourism is a glamorous industry, the mechanisms of succeeding in a tourism business are usually mundane. One constant challenge on Saipan, and in a lot of other places, is maintaining workable communications across a variety of languages. I cast a gimlet eye on this problem a long time ago, which compelled me to make a list of useful phrases for addressing tourists.

The idea of the list was to be as short as possible, not as long as possible.

Glamorous? No. Necessary? Probably.

Keep in mind that tourism workers don't necessarily speak their clients' languages. On Saipan it's easy to encounter four languages in a single day among tourists. How many people can speak four languages? A few, I'm sure, but hardly enough to staff the entire tourism industry.

Of course, anyone making a phrase list will have to decide which languages to include. But if that's a daunting decision they're in the wrong industry.

Anyway, as for my list, I was sharing it with a friend who is getting into the tourism business. Most of the words and phrases, such as "please" and "thank you," are so obvious they don't rate mention here.

But a few items aren't so obvious. They can provide insights into the broader factors behind international tourism and communications.

Here's something so simple we can easily overlook it: Now that you've recovered from your St. Patrick's Day party, you know your name, right?

Well, that's good. But how about your tourism customers? Do

they know your name in their language? If they do, you've got a better chance of getting some feedback from them.

Feedback isn't always easy to get. Many tourists are reluctant to speak up when they need attention. This is especially common with Saipan's tourists. The language barrier is one reason, and a reluctance to feel embarrassed by calling attention to themselves in front of other people is another reason. Getting your name into your clients' heads (again, in their language) is one of the only cards you've got to play, since this will at least make it easier for them to beckon you should they so desire.

Better yet, you can play another card, the business card, and get your name into their hands as well. I think that the humble business card has been overlooked in today's age of information overload and electronic razzle-dazzle. I'll point out the obvious and mention that a business card is an easy asset for repeat bookings, word of mouth referrals, and so on.

Business owners, though, have an understandable habit of falling in love with their more impressive marketing materials. Customers don't always share the infatuation. I've seen a lot of glossy brochures tossed into the garbage over the years, while a lot of business cards were tucked into wallets and purses for safe-keeping. Maybe force of habit plays a role in this: People seem accustomed to keeping business cards, at least for awhile.

Now that we've tucked away that little matter, I'll shift back to the spoken realm and mention what I mark as the single most important phrase for the tourism business: "Please wait a moment." This is something I never would have figured from sitting in an office, but in the real world the evidence is undeniable.

Well, I've just hit a couple of items here, but as you can see, it's a

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realm that deserves some thought.

Moving to a broader take for managers, I'll note that any business, given the ubiquity of free software such as OpenOffice Writer, can develop a simple little phrase page for its employees. The "table" function in this, or any similar, word processor makes this stuff easy to write and update. Anyway, whatever the mechanism is, the concept is the same, since such a page provides a great example of the five P's: Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance.

The five P's apply to all businesses, of course. But tourism seems to really amplify this factor since it's such a dynamic industry. Anything that looks easy in tourism is usually the result of months, or even years, of hard work in advance by somebody behind the scenes; I'm not just talking about language now, I mean the entire array of tasks such as marketing, operations, vendor relations, accounting, transportation, and so on. It's largely a matter of organizing hundreds of pesky details into a system of methodical steps.

That's not fun stuff. Details never are. But the results of a successful tourism business can be glamorous indeed, which is one happy notion that doesn't require translation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Retirement funding: Remember?

The court settlement has made it so that the Fund can (at least temporarily) go back on the retirement contract and pay retirees 25 percent less than they are entitled. But what is being done to ensure that even the reduced payment can continue to be paid and to reinstate the full payment (hopefully, along with back payments)? The settlement has mandated that the central government pay at least \$25 million into the Fund yearly. It needs to be made clear that the total yearly cost for retiree benefits and other expenses is a little over \$50 million. That means that the Fund is drawing down its account by over \$25 million per year, and, even if the government pays the \$25 million each year, that means that the Fund will be bankrupt in about four years or less. However, the Funds needs to keep paying retirees for at least 20 (perhaps 30) years, though at some point in the future the numbers of retirees will start to decline and that will reduce the funds required to pay them. In other words, serious steps must be taken to assure the survival of the Fund in both the short and long term.

The government needs to keep pursuing the bond to fund retirement payments; it should float a bond for the total amount owed the Fund, which I believe is about \$700 million. That amount should

be placed into the Fund so it can be properly invested to make even more money. It is imperative that the government also keep on track to identify other ongoing funding sources. As any intelligent, informed individual should know, you cannot fund a government and its many programs without some sort of taxation. One of the main funding problems in the CNMI is the lack of reasonable taxation. Obviously, there is no sales tax, no property tax, and the income tax is quite low. As I have mentioned in previous articles, a sales tax is the fairest way to raise government revenue. The CNMI should immediately institute a 2 percent sales tax on all purchases but uncooked food and medicine. This is the fairest type of tax, as those who have more money spend more; thus, they pay more taxes. Also, due to the considerable amount of cash they spend on purchases, tourists would pay quite a bit of the sales tax.

This all brings me to another important source of funding: taxation/licensing fees on the new electronic gaming. People who rely on their retirement checks or know other who rely on them should support electronic gaming in hotels. Where else will the Fund get the money? Frankly, if you want retirement checks to keep coming you had better support electronic gaming and encourage your friends to do so. As for those who strongly oppose electronic gaming, just who are they? Have you seen the very expensive, full-page ads in the newspapers that oppose electronic gaming? Of course you have; how could anyone miss them! Who do you think is paying for those ads, and do you think they care at all whether you receive your retirement checks or not? Answer: The ads are funded by the owners of the poker houses who fear competition, and they already have plenty of money and do not care at all about your retirement checks. If the

poker house owners had any common sense at all they would know that 99 percent of the people at the hotels who utilize electronic gaming will be tourists (who don't even know about the village poker rooms and wouldn't set foot in those dark, dirty, dangerous money pits if they did). Besides that, aren't poker machines also electronic gaming? Full casinos in hotels (or other locations) would be even better for generating tax revenues than only electronic gaming. Once the word got out throughout Asia that Saipan has safe, easy-to-access casinos, tourism would increase and would not dip so low even during normal, yearly slow periods. Not all tourists like beaches, water sports or shopping, and casino activities would cater to some of them. More tourism means more customers for nearly all businesses, and more customers mean more jobs and tax revenue.

In short, if we plan to continue to furnish retirees with their checks we need to generate more funding, and by issuing a bond, introducing a small sales tax (which in the future, when the retirement payments start to decrease, could be used to fund other programs), and by promoting electronic gaming in hotels (and casino), we could go a long way toward being able to fulfill the retirement obligations. They are not five or even 10-year obligations but will stretch on for 20 (or more) years. People who are against electronic gaming and/or casino, the bond floating, or other reasonable ways to help save the Retirement Fund are helping to bankrupt it. People who really care about saving the Fund need to stand up and support the ways of generating money for the Fund! How else can it be saved?

Timothy Wilson

San Jose Village, Saipan

Opportunity for CNMI citizens

A friend shares NMD Corp.'s goal to maintain local culture that is disappearing daily. He asked if anything can be done to stop the trend, apparently toward a U.S. funded Chamorro-Carolinian village with Filipino "hostesses" and Chinese laborers and masseuses owned and operated by organized foreign criminals that fund politicians to keep the status quo Jack Abramoff's bribery of the U.S. House of Representatives advanced while protecting foreign grocery store owners who won't hire citizens and reside in U.S. subsidized housing awaiting the SNAP food stamp bonanza. He said, "I guess you can't have it all; still, it would be nice to see local shop owners, and know our kids have opportunity here."

U.S. law guarantees the same economic protections for CNMI citizens that all Americans enjoy by requiring foreign nationals to have a U.S. visa and gave the 184 CNMI businesses years to prepare. USCIS has repeated the law at many forums. This will guarantee opportunity for CNMI citizens.

Foreign interests prefer hiring from our pool of disenfranchised labor and fund our politicians to stay here without a visa. If passed, a congressional bill may give non-visa investors a free pass indefin-

ably. It is shocking that a CNMI politician would support something so certain to harm 99 percent of our citizens.

Two reasons, of many, for requiring a visa is: a) it ensures properly screened investors that must hire citizens (or PRs/FAS, etc.) under the terms of their visa. And b) It will open endless opportunity in the hospitality industry for citizens. That is why the U.S. and other highly evolved societies enjoying high standards of living and qualities of life require investor visas and the only plausible explanation for a CNMI politician to oppose is to protect a strong funding source: those no-visa foreign businesses.

Foreigners here mocked the law and didn't bother to apply for a visa, coupled with little enforcement and the complete disregard of U.S. law has resulted in a new immigration category of CW owners that hire themselves, other CWs, but not citizens. To quote one, "They don't hire us, so why hire them?"

The simple solution is 1. Follow U.S. investor law 2. End the worker transition period or sharply reduce caps over two years and all return to country of origin to apply 3. Raise CW fees => H visas charges.

The hotels, hospital, and our largest employers combined don't employ 2,000 CWs and the bulk of 10,000 CWs are employed by other CWs and their businesses that never bothered with a CNMI visa, much less a U.S. visa.

Allowing CWs to abuse other CWs, expand Saipan's sex trade industry, and advance our international reputation for human trafficking on U.S. soil must stop.

Reporting illegal activity is a responsibility of citizenship as immigration fraud may be a serious felony. Five thousand NMD Corp. members could likely name hundreds of fraudsters in a one-hour meeting.

Citizens are encouraged to write your congressman, U.S. Secretary of Labor Perez, House Speaker John Boehner, newspapers, Facebook, and other media to stop these crimes and to protect U.S. taxpayers who fund our poor economic model, unaware of the waste and corruption.

Ron Hodges

Puerto Rico, Saipan



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McDonald's SAIPAN TURNS

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The famed Golden Arches of the CNMI is turning 21 years old this month and to celebrate the occasion McDonald's Saipan will have its usual anniversary promotions at both its Middle Road and Beach Road locations.

This Friday and Saturday, McDonald's Saipan will be rolling out its new Club House burgers and chicken sandwiches and customers who choose its Extra Value Meal versions can buy a second sandwich for just \$3.

In addition, a purchase of an Extra Value Meal Fish Fillet will allow you to buy a second Fish Fillet sandwich for only \$2. This promo is available on Friday only, March 21.

During those two days, *Continued on Next Page*



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A young Joe Erra Ayuyu Jr. is shown in this undated photo.

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McDonald's Happy Meal packages are all \$1 off. As if that's not enough, all of McDonald's breakfast menu (except Hotcakes Sausage and Plain Hotcakes) are also \$1 off on March 21 and 22.

On the second day of McDonald's Saipan's anniversary, the fastfood franchise will be giving away a free McDonald's glass for every \$20 purchase, until supplies last.

On Saturday, the islands' most famous clown, Happy The Clown, will also make an appearance from 11am to 2pm and 5pm to 7pm at McDonald's Saipan's Middle Road branch, giving away party balloons and initiating games for kids.

McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu said the fastfood restaurant's 21st anniversary promotions are a big thank you to the local community that has supported them the past two decades.

She said that's one of the reasons why McDonald's Saipan has also

given back to the community every chance it gets.

Ayuyu said McDonald's Saipan has extended financial support to the Public School System through McTeacher's Night, Karidat, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Saipan Little League Baseball Association, Northern Marianas Athletics, Office of Aging, and various islandwide and beach cleanups.

Aside from the community, Ayuyu also thanked her hardworking staff for making McDonald's Saipan the longest-tenured international fastfood chain on island. Without her loyal staff, McDonald's Saipan wouldn't have lasted 21 years, she said.

Leadership transition

Ayuyu also announced that 2014 will see a leadership transition at McDonald's Saipan as she and her husband, McDonald's Saipan president Joe Ayuyu, plan to slowly hand over the

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McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu, third from right, makes the Golden Arches gesture with staff at the fastfood franchise's Middle Road location.

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reins of the company to their children.

She said their son, Joe Erra Ayuyu Jr., will be assuming a bigger leadership role at the company, with plans of eventually replacing her as general manager.

The younger Ayuyu

recently graduated from the Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's degree in economics. The 22-year-old also recently was sworn in as board member of the CNMI Zoning Office.

"I still have a lot to learn about the business and such a transition

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Division of Historic Preservation, under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, wishes to advise the general public that the Historic Review Board will hold its annual meeting on March 28, 2014. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office on Aging Center's Conference Room, located across the Garapan Central Park.

Interested individuals are invited to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting
- III. Old Business
 - a. Divert activities & other related military activities
 - b. Legal Counsel's report on Public Law 3-39 and as amended (PL: 10-71)
 - c. HPO Regulations Policy, Procedures and By-Laws review update (NPS)
 - d. Status of Fr. Hazel' projects for publications
 - e. Budget 2010, 2011 & 2012 status reports
 - f. Signage/Fencing of historical sites & water cave on Rota
 - g. HPO's report on Archaeologist and Historian Positions
 - h. Section 106 training
 - i. Latte Stone relocation request by the Mayor of Rota
 - j. Tinian Project Update
- IV. New Business
 - a. Secretary's Remarks
 - b. Orientation of the New Board Members
 - c. Duties and Membership of the State Review Board
 - d. Draft MOA on Divert Activities & Response from the Air Force Update
 - e. Tinian/Rota Program Update
 - f. Saipan Review and Compliance Update
 - g. HPO Financial Update
 - h. Japanese Bone Collection Activities Report
 - i. Other Regulatory Regulations & Guidelines (U.S. EPA)
 - j. Other New Business
- V. Adoption of Resolutions
- VI. Adjournment

/s/ Laura T. Ogumoro
Acting CNMI SHPO/Secretary, DCCA

I still have a lot to learn about the business and such a transition will take some time. But with the help of my family, friends, and the staff here at McDonald's, I know that when the time comes I will be prepared for the responsibility.

—Joe Erra Ayuyu Jr.



Joe Erra Ayuyu Jr. will succeed his mom, Marcia, as general manager of McDonald's Saipan.

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MARCH 21

- Buy Extra Value Meal of new Club House burgers and chicken sandwiches, buy second sandwich for \$3.
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MARCH 22

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- Every \$20 purchase gets a free McDonald's glass, until supplies last.
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will take some time. But with the help of my family, friends, and the staff here at McDonald's, I know that when the time comes I will be prepared for the responsibility," said Ayuyu Jr.

He said growing up as the son of the man who brought McDonald's to the islands has both its advantages and disadvantages.

"To be honest, while growing up in school I was a bit embarrassed of being the McDonald's guy. I wanted to make a name for myself but my family name and the busi-

ness were inseparable. As a kid I had focused on the negatives but now I understand what hard work and dedication went into creating this legacy. I'm so proud of my parents and now all I want to do is continue what they've started while making footprints of my own."

While Joe Ayuyu Jr. is learning the ropes as a general manager-in-training, he will be assisted by erstwhile department manager Manny Corpuz, who has been promoted to assistant general manager.

Corpuz said it's an honor to be promoted to second-in-command of

McDonald's Saipan's day-to-day operations, adding that hard work truly pays off. Corpuz has been with the company for 13 years and started as a regular crewmember. *(Saipan Tribune)*




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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get real!

My dear people of Luta: Wow! So now, one person knows all the facts about Mayor Melchor Mendiola? Hmmm. Okay, let me see. Well yes, fact is, four years ago, our Mayor of Luta, Mayor Melchor Mendiola solicited us to have him acquire office and carry out his best, if not his very best, to guide, to assist our beautiful small island. Fact is, he is just as focused and just as determined to do so. Fact is, he is not "GOD." Yes I tell you, Mayor Melchor Mendiola is not "GOD." He did what he could and continues to do what he can.

Mayor Melchor Mendiola alone cannot fix it all; remember he is not God. I quote the African proverb made famous by the former first lady Hillary R. Clinton: "It takes a whole village to raise a child." So, if you want progress, work with the mayor instead of belittling him. Sure belittling is fair game here, it is "Politics 101" after all, but c'mon now, do not just sit on your hinny and expect wonders to fall from the great beyond! The economy had and has been in deterioration, so enough with the "blame game" or the "pointing of fingers" and first look up what is the budget given for Luta. The mayor is given a budget by the central government to work with and he can only do so much with it. However much he wishes and wants to hire the entire population of the island, what is *is*. Again, the mayor can only do so much!

Fact is, why is it that we hold animosity and only criticize and or denounce how atrocious the mayor, the senator, the representative and so forth is during referendum time? Oh, I know. We just want to denigrate them. Fact is, why didn't anyone consider disparaging the mayor if he is legitimately not doing his position that was selected for him? No grounds, right? Because he is trying! Fact is, every politician, be it a rookie or a career politician, they all retain one way or another in their platform such sayings as "focused and determined to help stabilize the livelihood" down to a tee. It is a winning platform just as "Revive Rota" was! And, I ask what has been revived? Exactly. So, yes, Mayor Melchor Mendiola wants a second term, a second stay to promote, to do his best to help revamp some, if not all, of Luta! To all who think lightly, please get your head out of the gutter and get real. Luta is not alone in this "poverty level." It is global. Read and or watch the news for yourself. The economy all around is not doing so amazing.

Donna Rose Manglona Camacho
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Those with mental illness also have rights

There was a time when a person with mental illness could walk around Saipan, Rota, or Tinian and, at best, be treated fairly and compassionately, and at worst, be ignored. That no longer appears to be the case.

I would guess that there is not one adult resident in the Commonwealth that does not know at least one person with a mental illness. Some mental illnesses are more obvious than others; some mental illnesses are more debilitating than others or make coping with life more difficult. Some persons with mental illnesses are annoying and some are avoided because they are "eccentric" or "different." Some persons with mental illness simply fade into the background and are not even noticed.

Recently I was told that a person with a mental illness was denied a room at a hotel solely because the person had a mental illness with the result that the person was virtually homeless for the night. Recently I was told that a person with mental illness was bullied or confronted for no apparent reason other than he was different and fortunately another person intervened to prevent escalation.

There are federal laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental illness (as well as other disabilities) in the "full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation." In other

words, for example, a hotel cannot deny a room to a person simply because that person has a mental illness.

But beyond what the law requires, we need to reach out and help where we can and at least we need to ensure we don't make life more difficult for persons dealing with mental illness.

If you or a member of your family of a friend need more information on the right of persons with mental illness, please contact Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), at tel (670) 235-7273/4 or fax (670) 235-7275.

Jeanne Rayphand
Legal counsel, NMPASI



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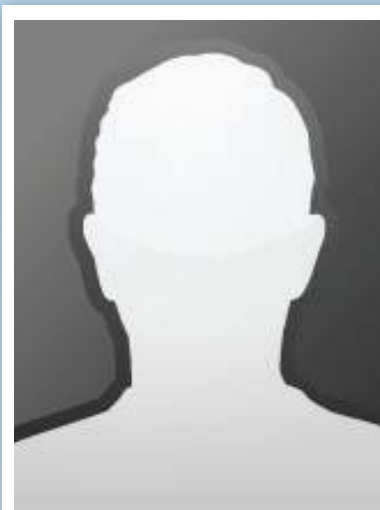
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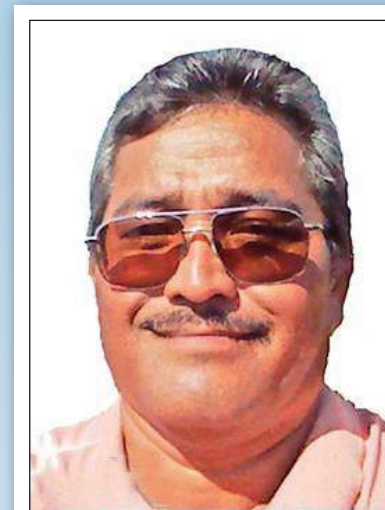
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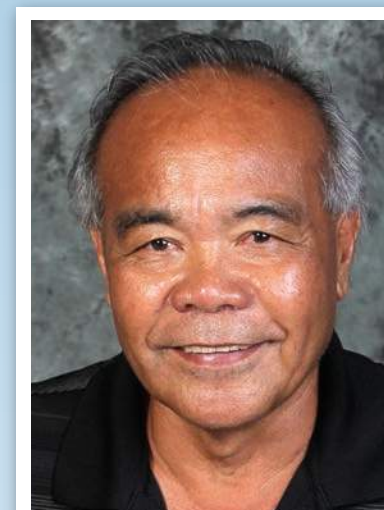
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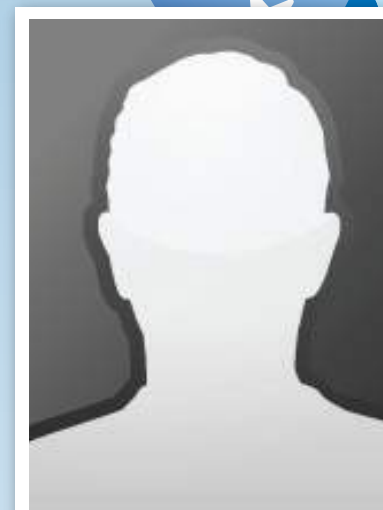
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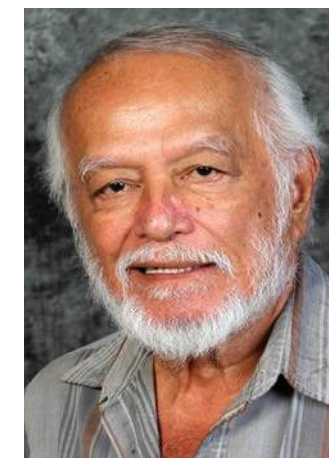


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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 81

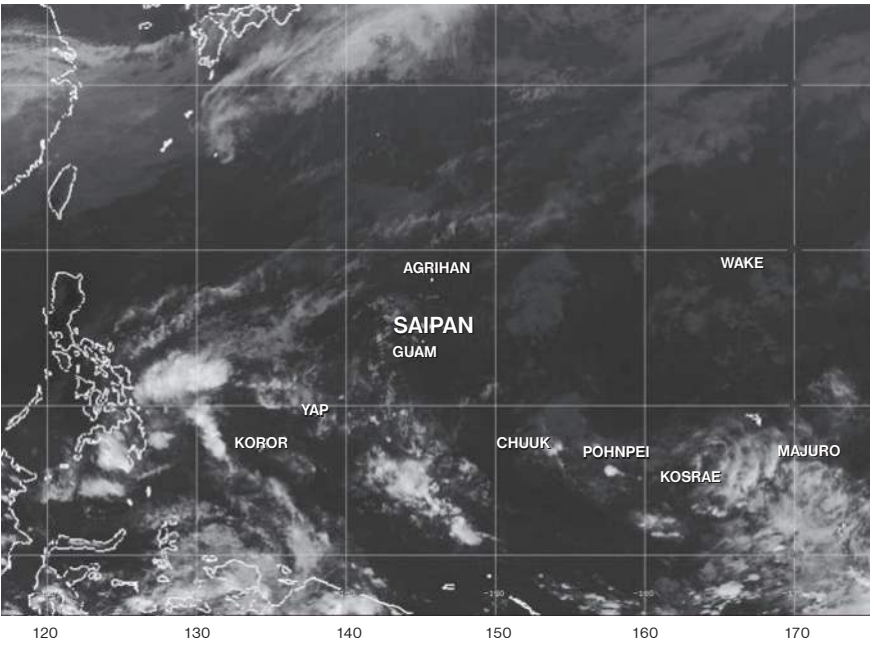
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 59
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 39
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 60
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 68
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 55 ▼ 41
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 53
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 54
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 68
New York	Sunny	▲ 53 ▼ 38
Osaka	Showers	▲ 48 ▼ 35
Paris	Showers	▲ 55 ▼ 45
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 54 ▼ 41
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 51
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 55 ▼ 33
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 51
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 53 ▼ 33
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 56 ▼ 39
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 63 ▼ 49

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:30 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
11:05 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
6:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough runs southeastward from a tropical disturbance centered near 7N129E to EQ180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located around Yap in trade-wind convergence north of the trough within 150 miles of a line curving from 12N130E to 5N146E and well south of Koror between the equator and 2N from 131E to 138E farther east. Similar weather is found in convergent trade winds east of Chuuk around Pohnpei north of Kosrae south of Majuro and over Butaritari and Tarawa atolls within 150 miles of a line from 8N153E to EQ175E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:21 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Monday	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Tuesday	6:18 AM	6:28 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:27 PM	9:21 AM
Saturday	11:24 PM	10:12 AM
Sunday		11:07 AM
Monday	12:21 AM	12:04 PM
Tuesday	1:17 AM	1:03 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) UA5070 4:15am 5:05am Daily UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily UA5039 1:35pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota UA5038 2:20pm 3:10pm 2, 3, 6 UA5078 6:05pm 6:55pm Daily UA5072 9:50pm 10:40pm Daily	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN UA5069 2:45am 3:35am Daily UA5071 7:15am 8:05am Daily UA5039 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 UA5038 12:10pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6 via Rota UA5077 4:45pm 5:35pm Daily UA5079 8:30pm 9:20pm Daily
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SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX) OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN OZ120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 6:00am 8:40am Daily DL297 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ606 2:10am 6:00am 1 OZ102 2:20am 5:50am 3 OZ606 2:40am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ6063 3:30am 7:20am 4, 7 (will increase eff Jan 29) DZ104 2:00pm 5:30pm 6 OZ604 3:20pm 7:10pm Daily	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN DZ101 8:30am 2:00pm 3 OZ603 9:00am 2:20pm Daily DZ103 7:30pm 1:00am+1 6 OZ605 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7 OZ605 8:10pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 OZ6053 9:10pm 2:30am+1 3, 6 (will increase eff Jan 29)
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) 3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) MU764 4:00am 8:00am 1, 5	BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN MU763 7:20pm 3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) 3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN 3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) OZ606/701 2:10am 11:15am 1 via ICN OZ606/701 2:40am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN UA5070/191 4:15am 9:05am 3, 6 via GUM DL287/473 6:00am 10:55pm Daily via NRT UA5068/PR111 8:40am 4:45pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM UA5039/183 1:35pm 9:30pm 5 via Guam UA5039/183 1:35pm 9:50pm 1, 4, 7 via Guam UA5038/183 2:20pm 9:30pm 2 via GUM OZ604/703 3:20pm 11:00pm Daily via ICN UA5078/183 6:05pm 9:50pm 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM OZ604/703 3:20pm 11:00pm Daily via ICN	MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN OZ704/603 12:10am 2:20pm Daily PR110/UA5072 7:35am 5:35pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM DL172/288 7:45am 1:30am+1 Daily via NRT UA190/5077 9:55am 5:35pm 2, 7 via Guam UA190/5079 10:00am 5:35pm 3, 6 via GUM OZ702/605 12:30pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/605 12:30pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN UA184/5071 10:55pm 8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM UA184/5071 11:59pm 8:05am+1 2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) OZ606/721 2:10am 11:50am 1 via ICN OZ606/721 2:40am 11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN UA5068/179 8:40am 10:35pm 1, 5 via GUM UA5038/179 2:20pm 10:35pm 3, 6 via GUM OZ604/749 3:20pm 11:00pm Daily via ICN	HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN OZ746/603 12:30am 2:20pm Daily via ICN OZ722/605 1:15pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN OZ724/605 1:50pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN UA180/5071 11:10pm 8:05am+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH) D2880 4:30pm 8:00pm Jan 28, Feb 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27	HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN D2881 10:00pm 5:15am+1 Jan 28, Feb 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27
SAIPAN-WUHAN (WUH) D2882 11:00am 3:15pm Jan 27, Feb 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26	WUHAN (WUH)-SAIPAN D2883 5:15pm 12:20am+1 Jan 27, Feb 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways.

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Hunter-Anderson featured on Your Humanities Half Hour

Visiting archaeologist Dr. Rosalind Hunter-Anderson will be the featured guest on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program.

Hunter-Anderson will discuss a recently completed pilot study to determine the age and composition of ancient Chamorro rock art painted on the walls of the Mahlac Cave in Guam.

Her work was funded by the

Guam Preservation Trust.

She will talk about the methods used to identify the composition of the paint used to create the images and how one of the paintings was dated using radio-carbon analyses.

Hunter-Anderson serves as an adjunct professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

Your Humanities Half-Hour,

sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and hosted by Catherine R. Perry, airs each Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99.

The show features interviews with scholars, researchers, teachers, and community members on a wide range of humanities topics. *(NMI Humanities Council)*



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PTSA meeting for all Kagman schools

Parents and guardians of students that attend Kagman schools will have a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, from 6pm to 7pm at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria. There will be special presentations by the KagES STUCO and the COVMS Music and Chamorro Clubs!

There will be no classes today, March 21, 2014. All Public School System employees will be attending a state level professional development work session on that day. There will also be no classes on Monday, which is a holiday, Common-

wealth Covenant Day.

For more information, call the KHS Main Office at 237-3840 or email the PTSA at kagmanptsa@cnmipss.org. *(PR)*

BECQ office closure

The Division of Environmental Quality and the Division of Coastal Resources Management under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will be closed on Friday, March 28, 2014, due to a full-day employee professional development training. Normal operations will resume on Monday, March 31, 2014. If you have an emergency or require immediate assistance, call 664-8500 for DEQ and 664-8300 for DCRM. *(PR)*

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Internationally renowned pianist in 2 special concerts

Friends of the Arts is proud to host once more the internationally renowned classic pianist Roman Rudnytsky in an “An Evening of Magical Music,” at 7pm on Saturday, March 22, and on the following Saturday, March 29, both at the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

This Saturday’s program will include the multi-awarded Saipan Southern High School’s Manta Ray Concert Band and Marianas High School Glee Club “Rhythm N’ Harmony”—each performing one piece with Rudnytsky.

The March 22 concert will be open to all without cost. Cash donations will be appre-

ciated to help with the cost of Rudnytsky’s stay, but are not required.

The second show on March 29, 2014, will also be held at the Multi-Purpose Center and will cost \$12 for Friends of the Art members, \$15 for non-member adults and \$8 for students. The program is not part of the Friends of the Art season ticket.

Rudnytsky is an internationally active concert pianist of Ukrainian background whose frequent performances take him all over the world to every continent and places in-between. He is one of the most traveled of all concert pianists who has performed in 95 dif-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Internationally renowned classic pianist Roman Rudnytsky.

ferent countries as of 2010.

Born in New York into a prominent Ukrainian musical family, he began the study of piano at age 4 and gave his first full recital at age 7. He is a graduate of the famous Juilliard School in New York and also did additional studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland and at master classes in Austria (the “Mozarteum”) and Italy.

Rudnytsky is a prizewinner in 10 piano competitions, including such prestigious ones as the International Leventritt Competition (New York) and International J.S. Bach Competition (Washington) and, in Italy, the “F.Busoni” and “A. Casagrande” International Piano Competitions. He has made numerous recordings in Poland, Australia, and the United States.

In addition to his many recitals, Rudnytsky has also appeared as a soloist with many orchestras around the world. To date, he has played over 45 different works for piano and orchestra with them. A great honor indeed, he gave the British, Latin American, and Australian premiere performances of the recently discovered Liszt “Concerto No. 3 in E Flat” between 1990 and 1993.

He also conducts master classes and workshops for local piano students and teachers during the course of his travels. The settings for these range from universities to small, rural towns and villages.

Rudnytsky, who arrived in the CNMI on March 17, 2014, will also be visiting schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to play and discuss music with students.

Rudnytsky travels at his own expense and donates his time to the community. Last week, he performed in Guam.

Rudnytsky’s stay in the CNMI is also sponsored by Bridge Capital, Hertz Car Rental, Do Re Mi Music School, the Paradise Island Animal Hospital, and Canton Restaurant.

Frank Gibson of the Friends of the Art said he will take reservations for the March 29 program and will designate reserved seating for those who contact him to purchase tickets, which will also be available at the door. For more information, reservation, or sponsorship for the event, call Gibson at (670) 287-7476 or email him at fl-gibson@yahoo.com. *(Jayson Camacho)*

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of March 6th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings

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C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business.

1. Update on Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2013, authored by Representative Larry I. Deleon Guerrero, 18th CNMI Legislature

E. New Business

1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Ronald Fernandez
P.O. Box 8071 SVRB
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone No.: (670) 235-5012

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0107 NOTICE OF HEARING
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Ronald Fernandez
Petitioner,

LAW OFFICES OF S. JOSHUA BERGER
D'TORRES BUILDING. GARAPAN
P.O. Box 504340
SAIPAN, MP 96950
Phone (670) 235-8060 Fax 235-8070

Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0111
Plaintiff,)
v.) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NICOLAS MAREHAM NEKAI and BERNADITA MANGLONA ATALUG) Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 18, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendants in and to the following real property, located in Kagman, Saipan:

Lot No. 002 G 300, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07, the original of which was recorded on May 14, 1990 as Document No. 90-1904 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, CNMI.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Thursday, April 10, 2014**, at the hour of **2:00 p.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg. Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:45 p.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 10th day of March, 2014.

/s/ MICHELLE W. BREL, Auctioneer
P.O. Box 504340, Saipan
Tel: (670) 235-8060
Fax: (670) 235-8070
E-mail: michbrel@hotmail.com

Dated this 10th day of March, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,) CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0233
Plaintiff,)
vs.) SUMMONS
ALVIN U. HOFSCHEIDER, LOUISE CHARLOTTA DELEON GUERRERO HOFSCHEIDER, ALENA D. HOFSCHEIDER and CITY TRUST BANK,) Defendants.

TO : ALVIN U. HOFSCHEIDER and LOUISE CHARLOTTA DELEON GUERRERO HOFSCHEIDER

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:
DATED December 17, 2013

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
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Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

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CNMI got 'jacked,' Fishery Management Council is told

HONOLULU—The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, which has authority over federally managed fisheries in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Pacific remote island areas, began its weeklong meeting March 17 and 18 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan in Garapan, CNMI, and will conclude the meeting March 20 and 21 at the Hilton Hotel, Tumon, Guam. Council recommendations are transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce for final approval.

CNMI submerged lands and militarization

CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos opened the Council meeting

Monday noting fishery-related issues of concern to the Commonwealth. Key among them was President Barack Obama's Jan. 15, 2014, presidential proclamation that withholds the transference of submerged lands 0 to 3 miles around five of the 14 islands that comprise the Commonwealth, i.e., Farallon de Pajaros (Uracas), Maug, Asuncion, Farallon de Medinilla, and Tinian.

U.S. Public Law 113-34, enacted in September 2013, conveyed title to the submerged lands around the 14 Northern Marianas Islands to the government of the Commonwealth. But Obama's proclamation temporarily withholds transfer of the lands around Uracas, Maug,

and Asuncion (i.e., the Island Units of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument) pending an agreement for "coordination of management that ensures the protection of the marine national monument within the excepted area." Similarly, lands around U.S. military leases on the islands of Tinian and FDM will be transferred upon an agreement that "ensures protection of military training within the excepted area," the proclamation says.

Inos said it is possible for NOAA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continually disapprove any management agreement so they can retain control over the submerged lands within the mon-

ument. He asked the council to support Commonwealth efforts to have the submerged lands "presently being held hostage by the U.S. Departments of Commerce and the Interior returned to their rightful owners."

"CNMI got jacked," noted Arnold Palacios, council chair and secretary of the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources. "They gave us the submerged lands and then they took it back. ...I don't think they [departments of Commerce and the Interior] are interested in co-management. The Antiquities Act [used to create the monument] doesn't allow the co-management that was promised to us by the White

House envoy."

The Marianas Trench Monument was created by President George W. Bush by presidential proclamation on Jan. 6, 2009. The monument includes 95,216 square miles (60,938,240 acres) of submerged lands and waters in various places in the Mariana Archipelago and no dry land area.

"We got slapped, NOAA got slapped," said John Gourley, a CNMI resident providing public comment. He noted that the Department of the Interior has sole management of the Volcanic and Trench Units of the monument, which contain two-thirds of the monument area. While the Council membership includes a representative from the U.S. Fish

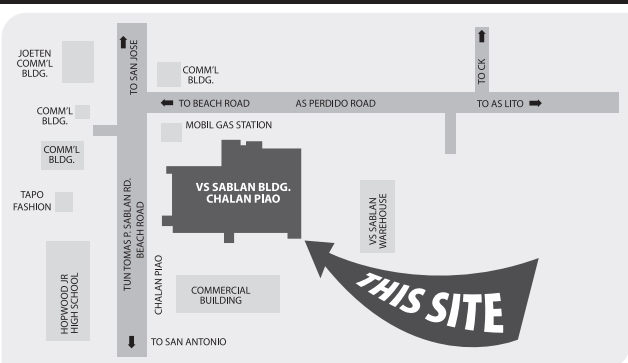
and Wildlife Service, that person was not present at the meeting.

"We were blind-sided and treated unfairly," Gourley said, adding that the authority of the withheld submerged lands should be returned to the Commonwealth.

"I'm angry, disappointed and frustrated," said Lino Olopai, a CNMI resident of Carolinian descent. The Carolinian along with the Chamorro are the two indigenous peoples of CNMI. Olopai noted that their ancestral land predates the legal teachings that came "out of the blue" and were imposed upon them despite the language barriers for those who still use their

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Your Baby at 2 Months



Child's Name

Child's Age

Today's Date

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by the end of 2 months. Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

What Most Babies Do at this Age:

Social/Emotional

- ☐ Begins to smile at people
- ☐ Can briefly calm himself (may bring hands to mouth and suck on hand)
- ☐ Tries to look at parent

Language/Communication

- ☐ Coos, makes gurgling sounds
- ☐ Turns head toward sounds

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)

- ☐ Pays attention to faces
- ☐ Begins to follow things with eyes and recognize people at a distance
- ☐ Begins to act bored (cries, fussy) if activity doesn't change

Movement/Physical Development

- ☐ Can hold head up and begins to push up when lying on tummy
- ☐ Makes smoother movements with arms and legs

Act Early by Talking to Your Child's Doctor if Your Child:

- ☐ Doesn't respond to loud sounds
- ☐ Doesn't watch things as they move
- ☐ Doesn't smile at people
- ☐ Doesn't bring hands to mouth
- ☐ Can't hold head up when pushing up when on tummy

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your state's public early intervention program. For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/concerned or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

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native language as their primary language. He noted that the ancestral land, which was understood to include the water, was “handed down generation to generation without legal title. ...Why can’t the American government understand and give the submerged lands back to me and then we will sit down and share it together ...Give back what is rightfully ours with or without a legal document.”

“It is encroachment,” noted Council executive director Kitty Simonds, referring to FDM. A prime bottomfish fishing ground that is accessible to Saipan residents, FDM was occasionally closed to fishing by the military out to 3 miles for live-fire training, then 7 miles and now 10 miles with talk of permanent closures out to 12 miles.

“We aren’t asking the mili-

tary to leave [CNMI],” said Commonwealth resident Rosemond Santos, a member of Guardians of Gani, former CNMI legislator, and attorney. “But they have taken enough. We want them to respect us.” Gani is a Chamorro term for the islands in the CNMI north of Saipan, including FDM, Pagan (another island the military has been considering for training use) and the other northern islands, including the three contained in the monument.

“We do not own the land and ocean around our islands, we belong to it,” said Genevieve S. Cabera, another Guardians of Gani member. “The primary concern now is militarization...the military pushing the envelope.”

CNMI resident Gary Sword noted that the militarized waters around Guam and Tinian take away huge fishing areas. He said the

average annual income per family in CNMI is \$23,000. “We are not rich,” he noted. He also pointed out that residents cannot fish within 500 yards around naval ships that utilize 11 prepositioning sites offshore Saipan. He said the heavy chains and anchors are killing the reefs, which are habitat for the fish. “Our fishing industry is dying because we don’t have anywhere to go fish,” he said.

Sword gave a short history of the military in the CNMI. He said the Battle of Saipan during World War II included 524 ships and 30 days of warfare, leaving only 300 Chamorro living in caves. Then they were put into internment camps for two years. “The people of the CNMI have suffered a lot,” he said. “We have given a lot.” He noted that Tinian is the island from where the planes left with atomic bombs to stop the war. “Can

we get some recognition for that? ...Our children’s future is at stake. The CNMI is crying out.”

The council directed its staff to work with the CNMI government in its efforts regarding the submerged lands restricted by the President’s proclamation. The council will also request that the departments of Defense and the Interior provide maps to the CNMI showing specifically the placement of CNMI’s 3-nautical mile boundary and CNMI submerged lands throughout the archipelago. The council also directed its staff to continue monitoring DOD activities in relation to fishing access regarding potential closures around FDM, Tinian, and Guam and request that the DOD and other entities provide financial support to the Marianas Integrated Management Committee, established to facilitate communication between

the military and communities.

The council also will urge the DOD to review the placement of their prepositioning ships in the CNMI; collect additional information from existing anchorage sites, to review changes in the anchorage and non-anchorage zones; promote a permanent mooring system, which would minimize further damage to the benthic environment, thereby allowing recovery of coral reef habitat; continue to pursue avenues to mitigate damage to benthic resources; and revisit and revise memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Navy and CNMI, which allowed the Navy to anchor the prepositioning ships without payment to the CNMI but may be expired.

Conflicting local and federal shark regulations

The council heard presenta-

tions about the conflicting local and federal shark management regulations. The CNMI laws forbid landing of sharks with fins but allow landing of sharks for subsistence use. The federal law forbids the landing of sharks without the fins naturally attached. During a Fishers Forum on the issue of sharks held as part of the Council meeting on Monday night in Saipan, CNMI Rep. Ray Tebuteb noted that the CNMI shark management regulations were developed under a short time with limited information. Council senior scientist Paul Dalzell presented on the continued problem of shark depredation that fishermen have reported since the 1940s. The council directed its staff to facilitate resolution of the conflict between federal and local shark regulations. (*Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council*)



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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM on FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements and includes concrete foundations, concrete slabs-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, door hardware, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, signage, flag poles, baggage conveyors, waiting room seating, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be two hundred seventy (270) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not “responsive and responsible”, their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference date.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal form included in the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office at no cost.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, Certified Check, or a Cashier’s Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount. Checks shall be made payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: March 14, 2014

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- What types of trees will improve the health of your yard?
- Raffle prizes and free lunch!

Space is limited, so register today! Contact Kaitlin at BECQ at **664-8510** or **kaitlinmattos@deq.gov.mp** and ask about the **Garapan Erosion Control Workshop** to sign up.

Registration is free and limited to the first 20 participants.

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a business meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2014 at the CDA Conference Room, CDA Building, Beach Road, Oleai, to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Ms. Lillian Tenorio, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission's regulatory consultant, at 670-234-7850.

AGENDA

1. **Administrative matters:**
 - a. Call to order; approval of agenda; & determination of quorum
 - b. Approval of minutes of the January 27, 2014 business meeting as continued on February 5, 2014
 - c. Commission Procurement Rules
2. **Docket 13-01: CUC Electric Division Rate Petition**

Proposed order re further proceedings on CUC's request to establish a large commercial customer standby charge.
3. **Docket 14-02: Telesource CNMI, Inc.**
 - a. Commission counsel's February 27, 2014 opinion regarding Telesource CNMI, Inc.'s designation as a "public utility".
 - b. Proposed order.
4. **Other business**
5. **Public comments**

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Orchid St, Garapan to Tekken St. (Judicial Complex)

This notice is to inform all residents in the following areas that the CNMI Water Task Force Leak Detection and Repair Project is moving to these areas:

- **Beach Road and adjacent areas from Orchid St. Garapan to Tekken St., Susupe (Judicial Complex/Guma Justicia)**
- **All areas south of Quartermaster Road to Tekken St between the heights east of Chalan Pale Arnold to Beach Road**
- **All areas between Texas Road and Beach Road including Oleai Elementary School and Marianas High School**

Crews will be working in these areas and areas previously noticed. The work will continue until the project is completed.

Crews will be isolating lines to detect leaks, replacing valves and repairing leaks. The project work may mean residents will experience temporary water outages, temporary cloudy or discolored water in the lines, and changes in pressure. This inconvenience is necessary to identify and repair leaks which will lead to improved water service and lower water costs.

CNMI WATER TASK FORCE



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950
Phone: (670) 237-6500 • Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-mail Address: cpa.admin@pticm.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR CPA PROJECT NO. RFP-007-14

PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide the CPA with Passenger Loading Bridge Maintenance at the Saipan International Airport.

PROJECT LOCATION: All work shall take place at the Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The scope of work will consist of all necessary preventive maintenance services and on-call repair of six (6) Jetway Passenger Loading Bridges and related equipment at the Saipan International Airport.

OBTAINING RFP DOCUMENTS AND ADDENDA: The RFP document will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd, Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning March 21, 2014. Firm must register with the Office of the Executive Director upon obtaining the RFP Package.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: This solicitation has been developed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) format. Accordingly, firms should take note that multiple factors as identified in the RFP package will be considered by the Evaluation Committee to determine which proposal best meets the requirements set forth in the RFP document. The CPA reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Final Contract award, if any, will be made by the Commonwealth Ports Authority Contracting Officer. The selected firm will be required to comply with all insurance and license requirements of the CPA.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Saipan International Airport Departure Building Conference Room located on the second floor at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 4th, 2014 and will include a tour of the Airport Loading Bridges to acquaint prospective Proposers with site conditions. Temporary SIDA badges will be provided for the tour. **Attendance is strongly encouraged.**

Failure of a Proposer to attend the pre-proposal conference shall constitute acceptance of all pre-existing site conditions and shall constitute a waiver of any and all future claims relating to said conditions. No variation in a proposal submitted shall be permitted based on claim ignorance. This will be the only site visit scheduled.

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received by the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location by 4:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Friday, APRIL 25th, 2014. The receiving time in the Executive Director's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of Proposals. All other forms of Proposal submissions will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects of said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

PROPOSALS VALIDITY: The Proposer shall guarantee that all contents of their proposal shall be valid for a period of 120 calendar days from the due date of proposals.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **\$2,466,520.00** in LIHTCs for the 2014 program year.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhc.gov.mp.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **\$1,000.00 Application Fee** in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, June 30, 2014**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **July 15, 2014**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **July 29, 2014**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **August 2014** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the August 2014 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

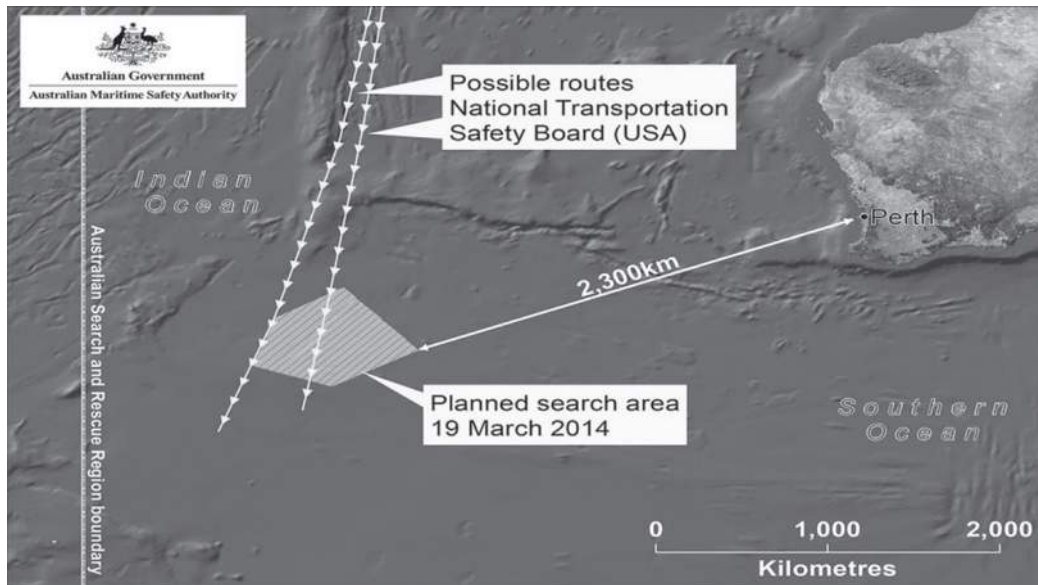
Asia

Australia checking 2 objects in search for plane

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Four military search planes were dispatched Thursday to try to determine whether two large objects bobbing in a remote part of the Indian Ocean were part of a possible debris field of the missing Malaysia Airlines flight.

One of the objects spotted by satellite imagery had a dimension of 24 meters (almost 80 feet) and the other one was smaller. There could be other objects in waters nearby in the area that's a four-hour flight from Australia's southwestern coast, said John Young, manager of Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," said Young, while cau-



This graphic made Wednesday, March 19, 2014 and released by Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Thursday, March 20, 2014, shows an area in the southern Indian Ocean that the AMSA is concentrating its search for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 on

Tony Abbott had earlier told Parliament about the debris, and said Orion search aircraft had been dispatched.

Young said visibility was poor and may hamper efforts to find the objects. He said they "are relatively indistinct on the imagery ... but those who are experts indicate they are credible sightings. The indication to me is of objects that are a reasonable size and probably awash with water, moving up and down over the surface."

Military planes from Australia, the U.S. and New Zealand have been covering a search region over the southern Indian Ocean that was narrowed down from 600,000 square kilometers (232,000 square miles) to 305,000 square kilometers (117,000 square miles).

Young said the depth of the ocean in the latest area, which is south from where the search had been focused on since Monday, is several thousand meters (yards). He said commercial satellites had been redirected in the hope of getting higher resolution images. He did not say when that would happen. The current images are not sharp enough to determine any markings.

The hunt for the Boeing 777 has been punctuated by several false leads since it disappeared March 8 above the Gulf of Thailand.

Oil slicks that were spotted did not contain jet fuel. A yellow object thought to be from the plane turned out to be a piece of sea trash. Chinese satellite images showed possible plane debris, but nothing was found.

Relatives of passengers, who have been huddled at a Beijing hotel awaiting news, said Thursday they did not want to comment until there was more solid information out of Australia.

But this is the first time that possible objects have been spotted since the search area was massively expanded into two corridors, one stretching from northern Thailand into Central Asia and the other from the Strait of Malacca down to southern reaches of the Indian Ocean.

Abbott said he spoke to the prime minister of Malaysia, Najib Razak, about the latest developments.

Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein told reporters that he hopes this is "a positive development."

The FBI has also joined forces with Malaysian authorities in analyzing deleted data on a flight simulator belonging to the pilot of the missing jet.

Files containing records of flight simulations were deleted Feb. 3 from the device found in the home of the pilot, Capt. Zaharie Ahmad Shah, Malaysian police chief Khalid Abu said.

Graduated to Heaven

†Mario de Guia Ajoste

Lovingly known as "Super Mario" or "Tatay"

Born to eternal life on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 7:20 a.m. at the Commonwealth Health Center.

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Wife: Leonarda Rosal Aranda Ajoste
Father: Nazario Barrientos Ajoste
Mother: Candida de Guia Ajoste
Brothers & Sister:
 Augustin de Guia Ajoste (Alberta, Canada)
 Alejandro de Guia Ajoste (Guam)
 Victoria de Guia Ajoste (Iba, Zambales)
 Manuel Ajoste (Saipan)

He Will Live Forever In The Hearts of His:

Children: Paul Mark Aranda Ajoste (Johanna and Leon)
 Alexander Aranda Ajoste (Jelyn, Alessandra, Alex Jr.)
 Rosalyn Therese Aranda Ajoste
 Irene Marie Aranda Ajoste

Caregivers: Sabel Fernandez
 Josefino M. Abante (Kuya Joe)

Nightly Memorial Service is being held at the Ajoste residence in Susupe at 7:00pm until Monday, March 24 which will be the final night.

On Saturday, March 22, his remains will be brought to the Ajoste residence for viewing and last respects. All are welcome to visit the family.

On Monday, March 24 at 9:00am, the celebration of his new life service will be at Saipan Community Church. After the service, the convoy will tour Mario's major construction projects for the last time (*Ajoste residence, Nauru Building, Hafadai Hotel, Managaha Pavilions, MIHA Housing & Northern Marianas College*). Burial will follow at the Santuario PAX Memorial Garden in Kagman. Lunch will be served afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

The Family

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Loving Memory of

Hilario Diestro

Lovingly known as "Larry"
 May 29, 1953 - March 18, 2014

In his new life he now joins his:

Father: Dionisio Diestro
Mother: Alfonsa Diestro
Father in-law: Guillermo Laborce

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Yolly M. Laborce
Mother-in-law: Felicitas M. Laborce
Children: Michael Diestro
 Mark Anthony Diestro & Sharlyn Sablan
(Gregory Matthew Sablan Diestro)
 Alvin Paul Diestro
 Lovely Diestro
 Kathleen Diestro
 Kyla Marie Diestro
 Rayver Diestro

Brother in-laws: Dominador M. Laborce and children
 Benjamin M. Laborce and children
 Angelo M. Laborce and his wife Marisa P. Laborce and children

Nightly Rosary will be held at the Family's residence in Dandan at 8:00pm lead by the Santo Nino Group.

On March 22, 2014 at 7:00am the body of the decease will be escorted from Commonwealth Health Center to San Jose Church, followed by the viewing and last respect from 7:30am to 8:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed at 8:30am at San Jose Church and immediately followed with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

To all family & friends/co-workers, near and far, we would like to express our utmost gratitude for your act of kindness and expression of sympathy in our great loss.

Your thoughts and most importantly your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

The Family

World

Ukraine bows to Crimea seizure, plans for pullout

SEVASTOPOL, Crimea (AP)—Surrendering to Russia's inexorable seizure of Crimea, Ukraine announced plans Wednesday for mass troop withdrawals from the strategic peninsula as Moscow-loyal forces seized control of Kiev's naval headquarters here and detained its commander.

Attempting to face down the unblinking incursion, Ukraine said it would hold joint military exercises with the United States and Britain.

Hours after masked Russian-speaking troops forced their way onto Ukraine's main naval base here, forlorn Ukrainian soldiers streamed out carrying clothing and other belongings in bags. A group of local militia and Cossacks, later joined by officers from Russia's Black Sea Fleet, looked on.

Just how many retreating troops Ukraine will have to absorb in what amounts to a military surrender of Crimea was unclear. Many servicemen have already switched sides to Russia, but authorities said they were prepared to relocate as many as 25,000 soldiers and their families to the Ukrainian mainland.

Humbled but defiant, Ukraine lashed out symbolically at Russia by declaring its intent to leave the Moscow-dominated Commonwealth of Independent States, a loose alliance of 11 former Soviet nations. The last nation to leave the group was Georgia, which lost a brief war with neighboring Russia in 2008 and ended up losing two separatist territories.

Vice President Joe Biden, in Lithuania trying to reassure nations bordering Russia alarmed by the sight of an expansion-minded neighbor, said the U.S.

would stand by them.

"We're in this with you, together," Biden said.

Ukraine has been powerless to prevent Russian troops from taking control of Crimea, which President Vladimir Putin formally annexed Tuesday with the stroke of a pen. Crimea's absorption came after a hastily organized referendum in which the population overwhelmingly, albeit under conditions akin to martial law, voted in favor of seceding from Ukraine and joining Russia.

Russia's Constitutional Court chairman, Valery Zorkin, said Wednesday the treaty signed by Putin has been ruled valid, meaning it now only requires ratification by the Russian parliament.

On Wednesday morning, militiamen under apparent Russian command barged their way into Ukraine's naval headquarters in Sevastopol, detaining the head of Ukraine's navy and seizing the facility. The incursion, which Ukraine's Defense Ministry described as being led by a self-described local defense force, Cos-

sacks and "aggressive women," proceeded with no resistance.

Upon gaining entrance to the base, the storming party raised a Russian flag on the headquarters square.

The unarmed militiamen waited for an hour on the square and, following the arrival of the commander of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, they took over the building.

By afternoon, they were in full control of the naval headquarters, a set of three-story white concrete buildings with blue

trim.

The Ukrainian Defense Ministry said Rear Adm. Sergei Haiduk was detained and a news agency close to the Russian-backed local authorities reported that he had been summoned for questioning by prosecutors. Later in the day, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu ordered the Crimean authorities to release Haiduk.

With thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and sailors trapped on military bases, surrounded by heavily armed Russian forces

and pro-Russia militia, the Kiev government said it was drawing up plans to evacuate its outnumbered troops from Crimea back to the mainland and would seek U.N. support to turn the peninsula into a demilitarized zone.

"We are working out a plan of action so that we can transfer not just servicemen, but first of all, members of their family who are in Crimea, quickly and effectively to mainland Ukraine," said Andriy Parubiy, secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Gonzalo Cruz SanNicolas

July 09, 1955 – March 08, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His Parents:

†Juan Soriano SanNicolas and †Francisca Taitingfong Cruz SanNicolas

His Memories Will Live in the Hearts of His Brothers, Sisters and their families:

†Vicente Cruz and Miner SanNicolas and family – Ponape
Joaquin Cruz and Linda Guzman SanNicolas and family – Guam
Rita SanNicolas and †Joseph C. Diego and family – Guam
Rosa SanNicolas and Nicanor F. Norita and family – Saipan
Silvestre Cruz and Precilia B. SanNicolas and family – Guam
Juan Cruz and Francisca T. SanNicolas and family – Saipan
†Miguel Cruz SanNicolas – Saipan
Enrique Cruz SanNicolas and daughter – TerryAnn Pangelinan – Saipan
Pedro Cruz and Sol C. SanNicolas and family – Saipan

He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered every morning at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. His body will lie in state at Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan beginning at 7:00am. His remains will be escorted to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 9:30am. Responso Service will be at 9:45 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am followed by Interment Service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,

The family



IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, And give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24 – 26)*

We were truly blessed from the moment **Naomi** came into our lives. And although we will never again experience life with her here, the memories she left us are rooted deep in our hearts and will carry us through until we meet her again. We continue to be grateful for all that the Lord has blessed us with. We thank Him for the precious gift of life, which we cherish and use to glorify His name. We thank Him for the gifts of family and friends, whose overwhelming love and support have comforted us and given us strength this past year. And we especially give Him thanks for our beloved **Omi**, for the times we shared with her and for the memories of her that will forever remain in our hearts.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us in the daily masses of intention offered and nightly rosaries prayed for our beloved **Omi**, especially those who traveled great distances to be here on the anniversary of her new life. Your presence, prayers, kind words, generosity, and support have all meant so much to us, and we are forever grateful.

We ask for our Lord's continued blessings, grace, protection, and guidance over us all, and will keep you in our prayers. Please remember our beloved **Naomi** in yours.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kalangan, and Thank You
Nick, Elaine, Children, and Families

"It is not the length of life, but the depth."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Naomi Therese DLG. Benjamin
Nov. 10, 1991 - Mar. 16, 2013



Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Stolen Colorado hotel cat found safe, scared
FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)—The beloved hotel cat that was

snatched over the weekend in Fort Collins has been found safe but scared. Two Armstrong Hotel guests found Oreo on Tuesday crying out from behind an art mu-

seum about a block away. Hotel general manager Nick Gliszinski says Oreo’s return marks the end of a citywide search for the famed feline, but authorities are still trying to find the perpetrators. According to the Fort Collins Coloradoan, videos showed two men catnap-ping Oreo from the hotel lobby on Saturday. Oreo first came to the hotel in 2004. Since then, she has warmed her way into the hearts of hotel guests and owners.


Boy, 11, signs 1-day deal with pro hockey team
KALAMAZOO, Mich.

(AP)—A Michigan boy who said he didn’t want an 11th birthday party because he had no friends is getting a new gig: Professional hockey player. Colin and his family were surprised by players, coaches and representatives of the Ka-lamazoo Wings at a restaurant Tuesday. The team presented the Richland boy with a one-day contract that will allow him to join the Wings for their home game Sunday. Colin has a con-dition similar to Asperger’s syndrome that makes it difficult to relate to peers. His mother created a “Happy Birthday Co-

lin” Facebook page that drew more than 2 million “likes.” He also received thousands of cards. The family asked that their last name not be used.

Upstate NY girl, 5, spends day at wrong school
SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP)—Officials at an upstate New York school district say a kindergartner spent a day at the wrong school after getting on the wrong bus. Schenectady city school district officials say the series of mistakes began

Wednesday morning when the 5-year-old girl boarded the wrong bus, which was driven by a substitute driver. At the school, teachers were expecting a new first-grader and asked the girl if she was that student. The girl said she was and spent the day answering to the no-show first-grader’s name. The mis-take wasn’t discovered until the kindergartner’s mother called her school to report that her daughter didn’t get off the bus that afternoon. School officials say they located her a short time later.



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GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER (2)

High School diploma or equivalent with experience in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at our security office located in the south wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., March 25, 2014.

Fiesta Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-004 **Opening Date: Monday, March 17, 2014**
Closing Date: Until Filled

Senior Engineer

(REVISED 3/18/14)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the division manager or his/her designee. Supervises engineering support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs project management activities to include: preparing reports, memorandums and recommendations; developing scope of work; providing technical reviews; surveying for projects; evaluating proposals; monitoring project process; approving payment; and, recommending award of projects. Prepares engineering designs, plans and specifications; collects data and performs research. Troubleshoots systems and equipment. Reviews work performed by engineering technicians. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: Power Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$65,000.00 per annum - \$92,030.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering and four years of progressively responsible engineering related experience in transmission and distribution. PE license from a U.S. jurisdiction in Electrical Engineering required. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Construction principles; Engineering principles and practices. Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Managing multiple projects; Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Interpreting drawings; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver’s license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND subject to pre-employment drug testing.

RELOCATION EXPENSES:
If hired from outside the CNMI, not to exceed \$10,000.00 for relocation to Saipan. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:
To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter and a list of references by one the following means:

- United States Postal Service*:
Human Resource Office
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
P. O. Box 501220
Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

*If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax “or” email “or” drop off your package.
- Fax:
670-235-5131
- Drop Off:

Drop off your package to the Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES:
The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate any discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

CUC is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.



Kanoa Resort
Saipan


(1) DIRECTOR OF FOOD & BEVERAGE
Qualifications: A degree in hotel and restaurant management is preferred or minimum of 4 years work experience in a hotel food and beverage environment. Experience with and good understanding of financial and operational management of a hotel food and beverage operation. Excellent customer service skills and a passion for the hospitality industry. Stable work history and demonstrated achievement in progressively more responsible positions in hotel food and beverage operations along with strong, supportive employment references. Knowledgeable of safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proven ability to effectively build a team environment and makes decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

(3) ELECTRICIAN
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent or minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Maintain current electrician’s license or identification card to meet governmental regulations. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department.


(9) COOK
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 24, 2014. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

**Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities
are urged to apply.**



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- CORPORATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
 - Division Monthly Reports
 - Draft Annual Report
 - MMRC Public Access
 - Update on CDBG Matters
 - On-going Projects
 - Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
 - Lease-Up and Waiting List
 - Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
 - Payoff Proposal
 - Loan Modification Request
 - Housing Expo Update
 - Amendments to HOME Policies and Procedures
 - Loans for Approval
- FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**
 - Rota Field Office
 - Tinian Field Office
- OLD BUSINESS**
- FISCAL AFFAIRS**
 - FY 2014 and February 2014 Financial Statements
 - Performance Assessment Report
 - Draft Audit Report
 - FY 2015 Budget
- LEGAL COUNSEL’S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-006 **Opening Date: Monday, March 17, 2014**
Closing Date: Monday, March 31, 2014


Trades Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the division manager of Power Division or his/her designee. Assisting in installing power lines and other related power distribution equipment; Assisting with maintaining and repairing de-energized lines up to 13,800 volts and other electrical apparatus; Assisting in performing tree trimming activities; Assisting in preparing daily reports; Assisting in operating equipment; Assisting in performing power disconnections and reconnections; Inventorying materials and supplies. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in service area assigned. Performs preventative maintenance on equipment in service area assigned. Assists with various construction related duties in service area assigned. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies. Cleans up, gathers and puts away equipment, materials and supplies for activities/projects. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.


LOCATION: Power Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$12,263.00 per annum - \$20,639.33 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): Six (6)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma, or G.E.D. or A.B.E. Knowledge of: Basic preventative maintenance principles; Basic mathematics. Skills in: Performing preventative maintenance; Performing basic maintenance; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must be able to climb 50 ft. power pole. Must have a CNMI driver’s license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND subject to pre-employment drug testing.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office. CUC is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-005 **Opening Date: Monday, March 17, 2014**
Closing Date: Monday, March 31, 2014

Junior Engineer

Duties: Work under the direct supervision of the division manager or his/her designee. Designs electric and distribution and oversees the completion of assigned tasks. Executes and coordinates portions of assigned projects and tasks; adhere to applicable specifications and standards. Manage assigned aspects of electric and distribution projects. Perform construction inspection. Support operations with technical assistance; collect, maintain, and organize operational data for engineering analysis. Maintain project files; prepare related correspondence. Prepare design calculations, engineering drawings, and sketches. Draft parts of a variety of engineering reports and correspondence. Assist with data collection, troubleshooting and equipment analysis; evaluate electric and distribution system needs and perform engineering analysis. Perform research for design, efficiency improvement, and operations support. Perform other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION(S): Power Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$30,000.00 per annum - \$40,000.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1).

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering degree. Knowledge of and ability to use AutoCAD and GIS is preferred but not required. Knowledge of: Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and transmission and distribution concepts. Knowledge of and skill with GIS is preferred but not required. Skill in: organizing, collecting information and evaluating data; preparing and presenting technical information for reports and/or documentation;; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to: read and understand construction drawings; able to read and interpret specifications; use computers and related software applications; communicate; interact with co-workers, supervisor, and contractors to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver’s license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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Maternity fashions reflect women’s pride in pregnancy

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am wondering why pregnant women these days don’t wear smocks like we all wore years ago. While I do think pregnant women are attractive, I really don’t want to see their swollen bellies. Wouldn’t it be better to just “imagine” what is under that smock or long skirt? Does anyone agree with me?



Dear Abby

DOROTHY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DOROTHY: Some readers may agree, but I’m pretty sure most of them won’t. You are harking back to the days when people were embarrassed about the subject of sex, and used euphemisms like “in a family way” or “a bun in the oven” to describe pregnancy.

Women today are proud to show off their silhouettes. In fact, I saw a woman recently sporting a T-shirt with an arrow pointing downward and the words “Baby on Board.” While this may seem to be somewhat “in your face,” I think it’s healthier than pretending there’s nothing going on when the expectant mother is in her seventh month and it’s obvious there is.

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DEAR ABBY: I’m 21 and a college student. My mother recently came to visit me and took my boyfriend and me out to dinner. After we were through eating, we sat across the table from my mother and engaged in post-dinner chatter. I draped my arm around his neck and began playing with his ear. It was absent-minded, and I thought nothing of it, but my mother stared from across the table shocked.

She later told me that ear fondling is not appropriate in public. I was taken aback. Isn’t it OK to play with my boyfriend’s ear in public? Does it make people around us uncomfortable?

EAR SNUGGLES IN VERMONT

DEAR EAR SNUGGLES: Playing with someone’s ear could be considered foreplay, and seeing it certainly made your mother uncomfortable. Perhaps among your contemporaries it would be acceptable, but as a general rule, it’s better to keep intimate gestures of affection private.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer a reminder so people won’t have to experience what I am right now. Please take a few minutes to go through your wallet and make photocopies of everything in there. Put the list somewhere you can easily find it. That way, if your wallet is lost or stolen, you’ll know what was in it.

I did that years ago, but I didn’t keep it current and now I’m upset with myself. Some time over the weekend I misplaced my wallet. Luckily, I don’t keep my ID and debit cards there, so at least they are safe. But because I use my wallet so seldom, I’m unsure what was in there.

If people make copies of everything in their wallets, it will be easier to report and replace the things should the need arise. I am so bummed out right now. While I lost only \$30, I lost a treasured photograph of my daughter, and I can’t remember what other cards may have been in there.

FUMING IN LUTZ, FLA.

DEAR FUMING: I know from personal experience how frustrating losing a wallet can be, so thank you for wanting to remind readers how important it is to copy documents or credit cards they carry with them. It takes only a few minutes, and the peace of mind it brings is worth the effort.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: “Abby’s Favorite Recipes” and “More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Coldplay’s Chris Martin to help on ‘The Voice’

NEW YORK (AP)—Coldplay singer Chris Martin is bringing his expertise to NBC’s music competition show “The Voice.” The network said Martin will participate in the “battles” round that begins March 31, advising singers on vocal technique and stage presence. The singers are vying for the attention of their team coaches, who must decide who gets to move on in the show. “The Voice” has established itself this season as the most popular of the music shows, eclipsing the long-running champ “American Idol” on Fox. The guest role is good promotion for Martin and Coldplay, which is releasing a new album in May.

Fonda and Tomlin to reteam for a Netflix sitcom

NEW YORK (AP)—Netflix says it’s reuniting Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin for a new comedy series. The online TV network will launch “Grace and Frankie” starring Fonda and Tomlin as long-time foes who come together when their husbands desert them after falling in love. The single-camera comedy will film a first season of 13 half-hour episodes to premiere on Netflix next year. The two actresses co-starred a quarter-century ago in the comedy hit “Nine to Five.” Fonda recently appeared on HBO’s “The Newsroom” and was seen in the film “Lee Daniels’ The Butler.” Tomlin appeared in last year’s Tina Fey comedy, “Admission.” Marta Kauffman is a writer and creator of “Grace and Frankie.” She is a creator of the sitcom classic “Friends.”

Life & Style

Death of designer L’Wren Scott is ruled a suicide

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—The death of fashion designer L’Wren Scott, the longtime girlfriend of Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger, was suicide, the New York City medical examiner’s office said Wednesday.

An autopsy completed on the body of 49-year-old Scott found that she died of hanging, according to Julie Bolcer, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner.

Scott was found dead in her



Scott

Manhattan apartment Monday morning. Police said her assistant found her kneeling with a scarf wrapped around her neck that had been tied to the handle of a French door. There was no note.

The Stones canceled their seven-date tour of Australia and New Zealand in the wake of Scott’s death. Jagger called Scott his “lover and best friend”

in a Facebook tribute and said he was struggling to come to grips with her death.

Jagger’s bandmates voiced their support for him amid a trying time.

Keith Richards said in a statement Wednesday that “no one saw this coming” and that Jagger has “always been my soul brother and we love him.”

“We’re thick as thieves and we’re all feeling for the man,” he added.

Charlie Watts said the band’s priority is the 70-year-old Jagger.

**Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government**

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB14-DLNR/DFW-073

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: APRIL 03, 2014 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

“TO PURCHASE FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE (FAD) RIGGING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE”

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Secretary of DLNR

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP14-OPA-080**

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 09, 2014 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND (NMIRF), WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION (WCC) and GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND (GHLTF) OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013”

THE AUDIT GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE PUBLIC AUDITOR’S MAIN OFFICE AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. ROSS ZAPANTA, ANALYST MANAGER, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (670) 322-6481/2 OR BY FACSIMILE TO (670) 322-7812.

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/S/ MICHAEL PAL, CPA
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Sun. - Thu.(420 PM)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
March 21 , 2014

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Ocean Masta, LLC	02/18/2014 S/TLRm-2014-X-010	Scuba Diving Operation	Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (03/06/2014)*
2. Homeland Security Emergency/Dept of Public Safety	02/25/2014 SSm-2014-X-011	Warning Sign Board	Saipan	Shoreline APC	Approved (02/28/2014)*
3. Mr. Hwang, Yang Tack	02/26/2014 SPIm-2014-X-012	Dry Dock	Able Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (03/05/2014)*
4. Saipan Sea Ventures Inc.	03/05/2014 SPIm-2014-X-013	Dry Dock	South Sea Plane	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (03/05/2014)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

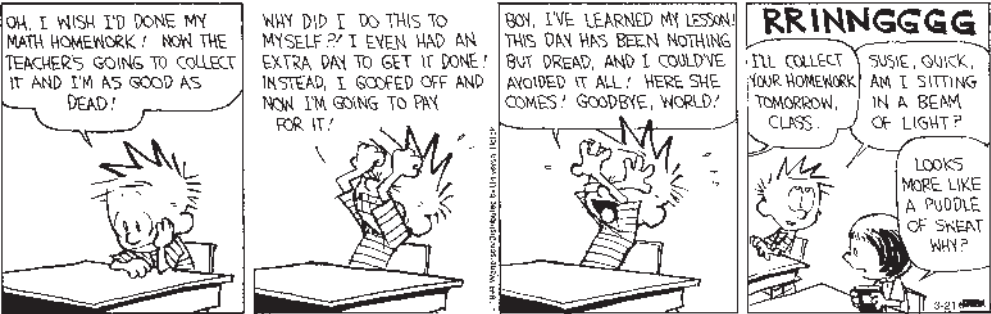
The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

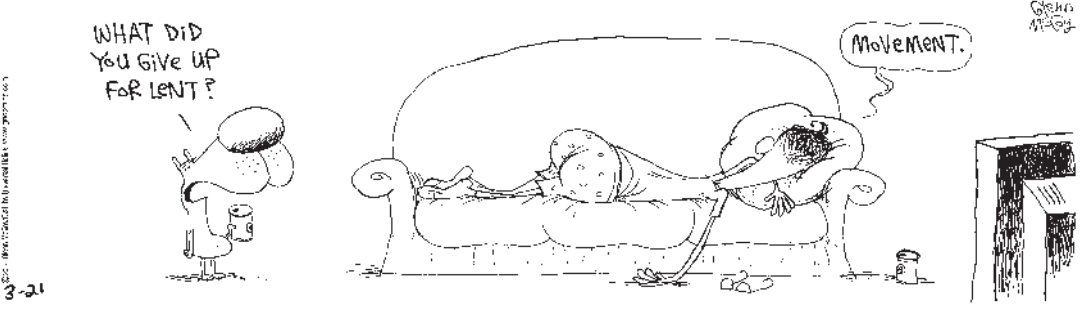
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The Duplex By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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24 Five
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25 Swine

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29 Satisfy

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"The Talk"

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4 Early
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7 "Oh,
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8 Society
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9 Common
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10 On the
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17 Tolerates

19 The little
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22 Wire
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24 Moment

26 Quixote
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28 Sorta

30 Sauce
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32 Advisory
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33 Exist

34 Cushion

36 Boring
tools

38 Botanist
Leonhard

39 Video
game
pioneer

40 Local
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42 Trash can
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45 Largest
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50 Single

51 Schedule
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterdays answer 3-21

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mat-
thew Broderick, 52; Rosie O'Donnell, 52; Gary
Oldman, 56; Timothy Dalton, 70.

Happy Birthday: Search for ways to expedite
your plans. You don't have to share your secrets
in order to get ahead. Gather information and
formulate your game plan thoroughly. Once you
have everything in place, execute what needs to
be done with finesse and the confidence that it
will help you obtain the goals you set for the year.
Your numbers are 6, 15, 17, 23, 27, 34, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep up
the momentum, but don't make trouble
as you move along. Someone may try
to start a fight if you aren't careful. Don't take
chances that can disrupt your personal or your
professional life. Choose simplicity over com-
plexity. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Back
away from anyone questionable. You
can achieve your goals without mak-
ing unrealistic promises or getting involved in
someone else's scheme. Don't let a personal
relationship cost you emotionally or financially.
Do something to benefit your community or
neighborhood. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay on
top of the information being provided
by others. Not everything you hear will
be factual. Focus on being the best you can be
and enjoying the people who make you feel good
about who you are and what you do. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Size up
your situation and take action. Follow
your gut feeling and make your move

and decisions based on what you see and feel.
Consider unique ways to change your daily rou-
tine as well as where you live. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Follow your
heart and your desires and you will find
good fortune and good friendships. Op-
portunities will come through creative work-
shops, socializing or a self-improvement project
you sign up for. Romance will improve your per-
sonal life and your attitude. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional
upset is likely to surface. Communica-
tion is best kept open, honest and to the
point. Problems agreeing with someone you have
a joint investment with will lead to a stalemate.
Be prepared to debate your reasoning and your
position. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your
thoughts and you'll be given an oppor-
tunity to use your skills, expertise and
knowledge to prove your point. Celebrating with
someone you love will bring you closer together.
A change in the way you live should be consid-
ered with caution. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep
moving and keep everyone around you
guessing. The more you do, the easier it
will be to move closer to your destination. Travel
to a unique place or try something unusual and
you will expand your interests. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
Take care of pressing matters at home.
Making alterations to your surroundings
will lift your spirits and impress someone you
love. Look for bargains and cut corners wherever

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you can to eliminate financial stress. A romantic
evening should be planned. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Finish
what you start. It will be difficult to relax if
you leave things undone. Friends and fam-
ily will be upset if you renege on a promise made.
Be sure to organize your time to fit both your pro-
fessional and personal responsibilities. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take
an interest in personal investments and
setting up a better health regimen. Tak-
ing care of your personal matters will give you a
healthier outlook and attitude when dealing with
work and money. Love is in the stars. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Push until
you get your way. Be prepared to go it
alone if someone isn't willing to bend.
There is money to be made and opportunities
will develop if you use your creative imagina-
tion and present and promote something very
unique. *****

Birthday Baby: You are curious, fair and help-
ful. You are adaptable and spontaneous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 3/21

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Sudoku is a number-placing
puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with
several given numbers. The
object is to place the numbers
1 to 9 in the empty squares so
that each row, each column
and each 3x3 box contains the
same number only once. The
difficulty level of the Conceptis
Sudoku increases from Monday
to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	3	1	2	7	5	8	4	9
5	4	9	8	3	6	2	1	7
8	2	7	1	9	4	3	5	6
1	7	2	5	4	9	6	3	8
3	6	5	7	2	8	1	9	4
9	8	4	3	6	1	7	2	5
2	9	3	4	8	7	5	6	1
7	1	6	9	5	2	4	8	3
4	5	8	6	1	3	9	7	2

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/21

WONDERWORD By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizon-
tally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR
LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters
spell the Wonderword.

CASTING CALL Solution: 8 letters

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T O C U T O O H S D I B L E Y
A K I E N N G N I S U I V P T
C I I T N O E R U S E A O R S
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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 Master Auto Mechanic – Engine Specialist
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1 Master Auto Mechanic – Electrical and Electronic Specialist
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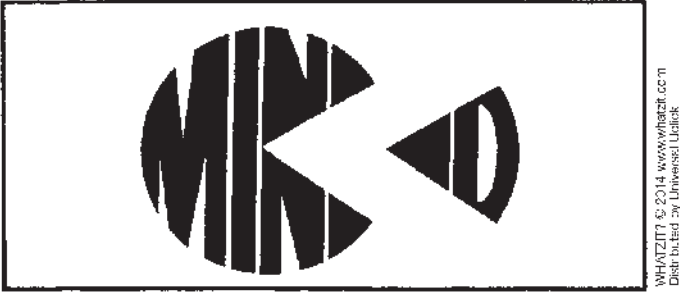
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Knicks open Jackson era with seventh straight win



NEW YORK (AP)—

Long after Phil Jackson acknowledged the cheering fans with a thumbs-up and then a wave, there was one more standing ovation inside Madison Square Garden.

This one went to the Knicks, a far cry from the way they were treated at home earlier this season.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and New York opened the Jackson era by beating the Indiana Pacers 92-86 Wednesday night for its season-high seventh straight victory.

With their new team president watching from a midcourt seat, the Knicks dominated the first half, then pulled away after the Eastern Conference leaders finally got untracked in the second.

“With a guy like that around it creates a winning mentality, it creates an atmosphere that’s pretty golden and we’ve got to capitalize on that,” Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire said.

Fans stood for Jackson in the first quarter and were on their feet again in the final minute to watch the Knicks beat the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last year.

“There’s energy in the city. Bringing Phil back is huge for this franchise I think,” coach Mike Woodson said. “But I’ve got to give a lot of credit to those guys in the locker room too, because again, we’re battling. We’ve dug a hole and we’re trying to dig our way out of the hole.”

Lance Stephenson had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, who had their four-game winning streak snapped and failed to extend their three-game lead over the Miami Heat, who lost to Boston earlier Wednesday. Roy Hibbert scored 20 on 8-of-10 shooting, but All-Star Paul George missed all six first-quarter shots and finished 4 for 17 for his 17 points.

“We haven’t grown our IQ as a team into improvising when teams try to throw little wrenches into our offense and that’s where we’ve got to grow offensively,” George said.

New York’s previous six wins had all come against non-playoff teams, but this was against a team that seemingly had returned to form after dropping a season-worst four in a row.

“The teams that we play, we feel like they’re in our way. That’s our motto right now. They’re in our way and we don’t want to let nothing stop that,” Anthony said.

Stoudemire added 21 points and Tyson Chandler grabbed 14 rebounds for the Knicks, just 16-20 at home and four games behind Atlanta for the final East playoff spot.

Jackson met with coaches and players earlier Wednesday, then watched the game from a

seat above center court, receiving loud applause when he was shown on the overhead screen during a first-quarter timeout.

The 11-time champion as a coach also was on the Knicks’ only two title-winning teams as a player, and there was a different energy in the building during what’s been a hugely disappointing season until recent days.

Woodson said before the game he wasn’t angry that Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan had originally talked to Jackson in December about the coaching job, adding that “the city should be buzzing” over his return. (Not all of it is; a group of fans frustrated with Dolan’s leadership of the franchise went through with a previously planned protest outside the arena before the game).

Hibbert scored 14 points in the third quarter to help Indiana wipe out nearly all of a 16-point deficit, and it was just a one-point game early in the fourth when George made just his second field goal. But the Knicks answered with eight in a row, going ahead 75-66 on Stoudemire’s basket with 7:57 remaining, and Anthony spun for a dunk and knocked down a jumper for consecutive scores after Indiana trimmed it to five with under 4 minutes to go.

“In the first half we tried to do it ourselves and only had two assists,” Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. “In the second half we played much better. Shared the basketball better, we screened better, but we fell short.”

Woodson improved to 45-16 in March and April as Knicks coach, but New York faces an uphill climb to dig out of the hole a 2-11 February created.

New York ran off 12 in a row to open its biggest lead at 39-23 on Stoudemire’s basket midway through the second quarter, and the Pacers could only trim that to 47-35 at halftime.

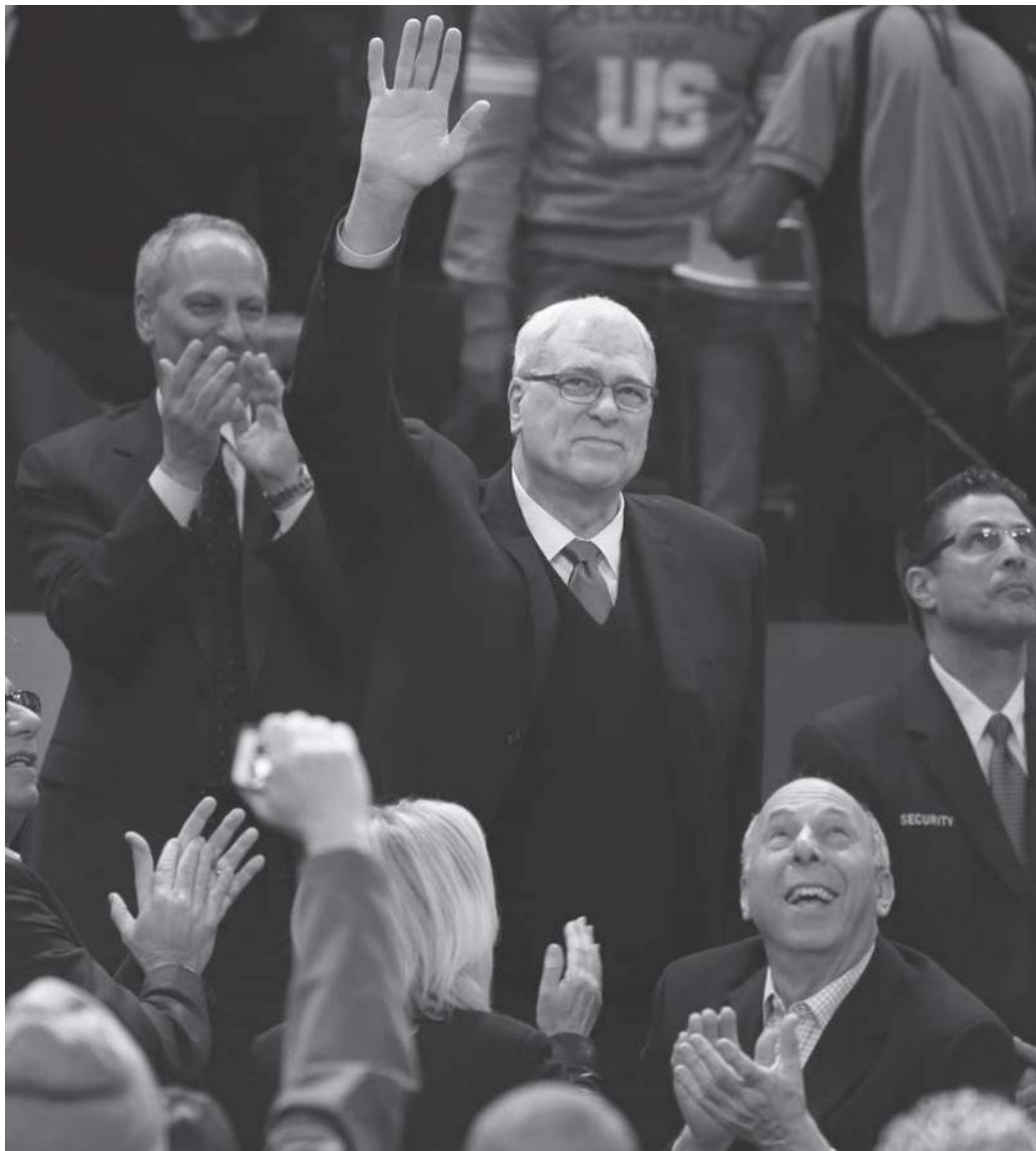
Celtics 101, Heat 96

In Boston, Rajon Rondo hit two running baseline shots in the last two minutes as Boston capitalized on the absence of LeBron James to beat Miami.

One night after scoring 43 points in a 100-96 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, James sat out the game with back spasms and the Heat lost for the first time in their three games without him this season.

Rondo finished with nine points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds as Boston stopped a five-game losing streak. Avery Bradley led Boston with 23 points and had career highs of six 3-point baskets and nine 3-point attempts. Brandon Bass added 18 points.

The Heat, which had won their previous two games after losing five of six, were led by Wade with 17 points, Chris Andersen with 16 and Ray Allen and Udonis Haslem with 14 each.



Phil Jackson waves to the crowd as he is introduced during the first half of an NBA basketball game between the New York Knicks and the Indiana Pacers at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in New York. Jackson was hired as the president of the Knicks this week.

Bulls 102, 76ers 94

In Philadelphia, D.J. Augustin scored 20 points, and Taj Gibson had 19 points and 13 rebounds as Chicago handed Philadelphia its 22nd straight loss.

The Sixers are four losses shy of matching the NBA record for longest-single season losing streak.

The Cleveland Cavaliers set the record of 26 consecutive losses in the 2010-11 season. The Vancouver Grizzlies (1995-96), Denver Nuggets (1997-98) and Charlotte Bobcats (2011-12) each lost 23 straight.

The Sixers also lost their 17th straight home game since beating Charlotte on Jan. 15.

Thaddeus Young scored 24 points for the Sixers and Tony Wroten had 17.

Spurs 125, Lakers 109

In Los Angeles, Tony Parker scored 25 points, and Kawhi Leonard added 22 points and 10 rebounds as San Antonio pulled away from Los Angeles for its 11th consecutive victory.

Danny Green scored 16 points and Tim Duncan had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the NBA-leading Spurs, who haven’t lost since Feb. 21 while winning 14 of 15.

With their seventh straight victory over the Lakers dating to last season’s playoffs, the Spurs opened a 1½-game lead over Indiana for the league’s best record. San Antonio leads Oklahoma City by two games atop the Western Conference.

Pau Gasol had 22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists for Los Angeles. Xavier Henry scored 24 points in the Lakers’ sixth loss in seven games.

Los Angeles has lost 20 of 26.

Nets 104, Bobcats 99

In New York, Deron Williams scored 23 points and Joe Johnson added 20 as Brooklyn overcame a late deficit to win its 10th straight at home.

Williams scored 11 of his points in the final six minutes.

Al Jefferson scored 18 points for Charlotte and Gary Neal added 17.

After Josh McRoberts’ dunk and free throw gave the Bobcats an 85-82 lead, Williams hit a driving layup with 6:00 left, then a 3-pointer on the next possession. He followed that with a steal and two free throws to give the Nets an 89-85 lead with 5:22 remaining.

Brooklyn never trailed again, but when Charlotte pulled to within 98-95 Williams hit a foul line jumper with 37 seconds left and Brooklyn closed it out from the foul line.

Timberwolves 123, Mavericks 122, OT

In Dallas, Kevin Love scored 35 points, including the go-ahead basket in overtime, and Ricky Rubio had a triple-double as Minnesota blew several leads before hanging on to beat Dallas.

The Timberwolves broke a six-game stretch of alternating wins and losses with their sec-

ond straight victory to move two games over .500 for the first time since Nov. 23.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 for Dallas and put the Mavericks ahead with a fadeaway over Love with 33 seconds left in overtime before Love scored on a jump hook with 17 seconds to go.

Nowitzki missed on another try over Love in the final seconds as the Mavericks saw a three-game winning streak and missed a chance to move a season-high 15 games over .500.

Rubio had 22 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds.

Raptors 107, Pelicans 100

In New Orleans, DeMar DeRozan scored 31 points and Greivis Vasquez victimized his former team with six points in the last two minutes to help Toronto defeat New Orleans.

Kyle Lowry scored 23, Amir Johnson added 17 and Vasquez finished with 14 to help Toronto overcome a 14-point first-half deficit and snap a two-game skid. Tyler Hansbrough, playing additional minutes with starting center Jonas Valanciunas sidelined by a sore back, grabbed 13 rebounds, seven on the offensive end.

The game was tied at 94 when Vasquez scored five straight points in a 36-second span on a running floater and a driving layup as he was fouled—the latter coming after Vasquez rebounded his missed jumper for one of Toronto’s 22 offensive rebounds.

Al-Farouq Aminu had 19 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, which was without All-Star Anthony Davis because of an illness.

Grizzlies 96, Jazz 86

In Memphis, Tennessee, Zach Randolph scored 21 points and Marc Gasol added 20 as Memphis maintained its hold on a Western Conference playoff spot with the victory over Utah.

Gasol and Randolph each had 10 rebounds for Memphis, which won its eighth straight home game and fifth straight over the Jazz. Mike Conley finished with 18 points and seven assists, and Tony Allen scored 10 points.

Gordon Hayward, Trey Burke and Alec Burks each scored 16 points for Utah, while Enes Kanter had 12 points and 12 rebounds. The Jazz lost their sixth straight and 11th of their last 12.

Memphis weathered several runs by the Jazz before six straight points in the fourth quarter provided a sufficient buffer. The Grizzlies began the night in the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

Suns 109, Magic 93

In Phoenix, Goran Dragic scored 18 points to lead a balanced offense as Phoenix used a big second-half run to beat Orlando.

Gerald Green added 14 points, including three 3-pointers during a 23-3 Phoenix burst that turned a close game into a runaway.

Channing Frye and Markieff Morris added 12 apiece and Miles Plumlee had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Suns, back from a 2-1 eastern trip.

Tobias Harris scored 23 points and Arron Afflalo had 20 for the Magic, who are 1-22 on the road since mid-December.

Orlando, already without Jameer Nelson (sore left knee), lost center Nikola Vucevic when he drew two quick technical fouls and was ejected with 2:32 left in the first quarter.

Nuggets 118, Pistons 109

In Denver, Aaron Brooks had 27 points and a career-high 17 assists to lead Denver past Detroit for its fourth win in five games.

Randy Foye added 22 points, Kenneth Faried had 14 and J.J. Hickson had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Nuggets, who were without Ty Lawson (sinus infection) and Wilson Chandler (injection to treat hip injury).

Greg Monroe scored 22 points for the Pistons and Rodney Stuckey added 18.

Trailing by seven at the half, the Nuggets used a 10-2 run to take an 85-84 lead into the fourth quarter. Denver used another 10-2 surge to increase the lead to 104-91 with 6:04 left.

After the Pistons pulled within four in the final minute, Hickson had a layup and Anthony Randolph converted a three-point play to secure the victory.

Vols rally to beat Iowa 78-65 in OT at First Four



DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Don't get discouraged, coach Cuonzo Martin

told his Volunteers during those long NCAA tournament timeouts. Instead, hang in there and figure a way to pull it out.

They went about it a most improbable way.

With forward Jarnell Stokes using his 280 pounds to dominate inside and a highly regarded defense finally locking in, Tennessee pulled off the first amazing comeback of the NCAA tournament.

Stokes opened overtime with a three-point play that put Tennessee ahead to stay, and the Volunteers' defense shut down Iowa in overtime for a 78-65 victory on Wednesday night, finishing off the First Four with an exclamation point.

"I told our guys we've been through everything this season, keep your composure down the stretch," said Martin, who got his first NCAA tournament win in his third season at Tennessee. "Find ways to win the ball game."

The Vols (22-12) head to Raleigh, N.C., where they'll play sixth-seeded Massachusetts on Friday in the Midwest Regional. They left Dayton with a lot of momentum - six wins in their last seven games.

"We did a tremendous job toward the end of fighting back,"

said Jordan McCrae, who had 20 points. "We did a great job on our defense. For us to hold them like we did was a great job."

Tennessee didn't lead until Antonio Barton's 3-pointer put the Vols up 59-57 with 3:05 left regulation. There were five lead changes before McCrae missed a jumper missed at the buzzer, leaving it tied at 64.

No surprise that Barton made the big shot. The senior transfer is the only Volunteer with any significant NCAA tournament experience, having appeared in three of them with Memphis.

Stokes' three-point play in overtime was the key moment in his 18-point, 13-rebound performance, putting the Volunteers ahead to stay. It was his 20th double-double this season, the most by a Volunteer since Bernard King had 22 of them in 1976-77.

Tennessee's highly regarded defense took it from there, holding Iowa (21-13) to one free throw the rest of the way. The Hawkeyes missed all eight of their shots from the field in overtime.

"You go through anything so often—being in those games, being in those situations—we're a much better team the last eight games," Martin said. "Guys stepped up and made plays."

It was a tough ending to a long and stressful day for Iowa coach Fran McCaffery. He started the day in Iowa with his teenage

son, Patrick, who had surgery to remove a thyroid tumor. His assistant coaches led the Hawkeyes through a meeting and their final practice, and McCaffery was back by game time.

Martin and the Volunteers hugged him after the game and wished him well.

"Their players hugged me and told me they were thinking of me," McCaffery said. "I was really impressed with their guys and the program Cuonzo has built there."

Adam Woodbury had 16 points for Iowa, which got a subpar performance from its leading scorer. Roy Devyn Marble was only 3 of 15 from the field for seven points, matching his season low.

"I don't think we ran out of gas," Woodbury said. "We made some key mistakes down the stretch and that hurt us."

The ending will sting the Hawkeyes for a long time. They were struggling as they headed into their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2006, losing six of their previous seven games. Defense was the biggest problem, often letting them down in the second half.

They opened the game in promising fashion, switching from man-to-man to zone to half-court traps. It worked. They got off to a 16-4 lead and were still ahead 29-26 at halftime.

They kept swatting away the

Volunteers' runs until the last few minutes of regulation.

Marble's basket tied it at 64, and he was guarding McCrae when he missed his fade-away shot at the buzzer sending it to overtime.

Tennessee got an at-large bid by closing the season with a defensive flourish. The Volunteers won five straight before losing to No. 1 Florida 56-49 in the Southeastern Conference tournament. They gave up 61.1 points per game, second only to Florida in the SEC, and allowed an average of only 47.4 points in the last four games.

In overtime, that defense decided it.

Cal Poly 81, Texas Southern 69

In Dayton, Ohio, now that Cal Poly has gotten its first NCAA victory out of the way, why stop at one?

Chris Eversley scored 19 points to help Cal Poly become the first team in 59 years with 19 losses to win an NCAA tournament game, beating Texas Southern 81-69 on Wednesday night in the First Four.

Now the team with the worst record in the tournament (14-19) moves on to face the one with the best-top-seeded Wichita State (34-0)—in the second round in St. Louis on Friday.

It's exactly what Mustangs coach Joe Callero had hoped.

"I'm so weird that I was cheering the last five years that a 16 (seed) never upsets a 1," he said. "Because if we ever got a bid, we'd be a 16 seed and then we'd have a chance to make real history."

They've already done that.

The Mustangs were 0-3 and 4-9 early this season. They didn't exactly inspire confidence heading into the Big West Conference tournament—losing nine of 11—but they won the title to earn the program's first NCAA bid.

There have been 23 teams with losing records in the NCAA tournament since 1955. The only other 19-loss team to win was Bradley (7-19), which won a game but lost in the final eight in 1955.

David Nwaba added 17 points and Brian Bennett—who was a perfect 5 for 5 from the field—had 10 for the Mustangs. Held back by injuries all season, a team that shot 41 percent from the field for the season saved its best for last by making 57 percent on the biggest stage. The 81 points was its second most in a game all year.

So should Wichita State be worried?

"Wichita State is a great team. They're a national favorite. They've been undefeated all season," Eversley said after flashing a quick grin when he heard the question. "We're go-

ing to get on a plane tonight, get to St. Louis, Mo., and just go start on a scouting report and make sure we're ready for Wichita State—and go out there keep playing the way we've been playing."

Aaric Murray closed out his career with 38 points for Texas Southern (19-15), champs of the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament.

"He was going to get his points either way, so we knew he would just need to take the other players out of the game," said Nwaba, who got Cal Poly out of the blocks with eight of its first 10 points. "That was our plan going in."

Murray was the top player on the court, but that wasn't enough for the Tigers. Originally a blue-chip recruit for La Salle, he left there for West Virginia where he was dismissed from the team. In his final year of eligibility for Texas Southern, he had 28 points against Stanford, 30 against Tulsa and 48 against Temple in his return home to Philadelphia.

Cal Poly dominated most of the first half to build a 12-point lead at the break and never let it go.

The Tigers, who had won nine in a row, cut the lead to 73-66 with 2:16 left, but the Mustangs hit 8 of 10 fouls shots over the last 1:42 to seal the deal.

The Mustangs pulled away midway through the opening half.

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12 pairs march into the finals

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A dozen teams secured finals berths in the Sun Palace Hotel Singles and Doubles Badminton Competition 2014 after last Saturday's semis matches at the TSL Sports Complex.

The list includes men's divisions Glenn Blautjens at Sam Jones; Andrew Galvez and Jexter Caranto; Narlou Achas and Jojo Savellano; Aries Cordero and Chris Hilario; A.J. Ortega and Raphael Zapanta; and Han Cheol Yu and Ji Min and the women's division's Alma Ortega and Hannah Choi; Lani Bartolome and Windy Fernandez; Toshika Obata and Fernandez; Chang Saturno and So Young; Roxelazaro and Emily Vargas; and Patricia

Abantao and Nicole Malasarte.

Blautjens and Jones swept Macoi Aguda and Cordero in the men's A doubles semis, 21-18, 21-19, to arrange a finals showdown against Galvez and Caranto, who also needed only two sets to eliminate Ezekiel Macario and Jordan Pangilinan in the other Final Four pairing, 21-15, 21-17.

In the men's B doubles, Cordero and Hilario took the long route to victory against Young Sang Yu and Jong Min Lee. Hilario and Cordero dropped the first game, 18-21, before bouncing back in the last two, 21-15, 21-16, for a finals date with Achas and Savellano, who won over Deether Edralin and J.P. Nopia (scores were unavailable).



Cheng Saturno, seen here serving in last year's Sun Palace tournament, teamed up with So Young in beating Havikka Farro and Mykki Caracut in the women's B doubles semis last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the men's C doubles, Ortega and Zapanta survived a tough challenge from Jeremy Montenejo and John Cano, 21-19, 20-22, 21-19, to advance against Han and Ji, who topped Allan Sangyoon Lee and partner.

The women's C doubles semis tiff between Abantao and Malasarte and Lani Santos and Gigi Zapanta was also extended to three games. The youth pair nailed the opening game, 21-16, but missed an early win when Santos and Zapanta pulled off a 26-24 thriller in the second game. In the deciding Game 3, Abantao and Malasarte had enough juice left to secure a 21-13 triumph and the last finals berth. Lazaro and Vargas bagged the first finals after a win via default over Tina Lee and Sally Hongsin Im.

In the women's B doubles, all four pairs showed up for

the playoff match with Obata and Fernandez and Cheng and Young sweeping separate foes to set their finals duel this weekend. Fernandez and Obata dominated Ortega and Dianne Francisco, 21-12, 21-15, while Cheng and Young whipped Havikka Farro and Mykki Caracut, 21-10, 21-8.

In the women's A doubles, Choi and Ortega ousted Elan Curate and Loyda Ito, 21-17, 21-11, for a title match up over Bartolome and Fernandez, who went the distance to clinch a finals berth. Fernandez and Bartolome recovered from a 19-21 loss in the opening game of their semis tiff versus Malou Malasarte and Marlene Peraja, winning the last two, 21-19, 21-15, to barge into the finals.

Meanwhile, the men's A singles Final Four matches were also played last Saturday with Galvez and Caranto forcing an all-Community Badminton Club final after prevailing in their respective games. Galvez eliminated Edralin, 21-18, 21-11, while Caranto booted out Jerry Hibi, 21-16, 21-19.

HUSTLERS

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ning and they got two more runs off an error and a passed ball for a 4-0 lead. The advantage went up to 7-0, as the Hustlers nailed three runs in the second, while second pitcher Donovan Lizama stranded three Rockies runners, as he started his shift late at the top of the second with back-to-back strikeouts.

Donovan continued to pitch for the Hustlers, but after a good start, he gave up five earned runs in the next two innings where the Rockies racked up nine runs. Fortunately, for the Hustlers they also scored in the third and fourth with Darvinco Manalo hitting a two-run single and Juan Lizama contributing a two-run double. The Hustlers also notched four unearned runs

in the exchange to remain in control, 15-9, after five innings.

At the top of the sixth and last, Rockies tried to mount a comeback, as three of their first four batters reached home with only one out and a runner on second base. However, Juan Lizama saved the day for the Hustlers, as he struck out the Rockies' next two batters.

McDonald's 13, Laolao 3

McDonald's extended its winning run to five after topping Laolao Bay.

Laolao committed one error after another early in the game, allowing McDonald to open a 10-1 lead after three innings. McDonald's turned Laolao's miscues to seven unearned runs in the first and second inning, while the latter only got one from the former's

lapse in the first inning.

After making it to the board first, Laolao struggled in the next three innings before scoring anew in the fifth with two runs. However, McDonald's retaliated with three runs at the bottom of the fifth to secure the win one inning early.

Jets 13, Twins 3

The Jets also made short work of the Twins, prevailing in the battle of the cellar dwellers after only four innings.

The Jets bagged their first triumph after a 0-6 start, while the Twins remained winless in six matches.

First baseman Steven Kileleman anchored the Jets' first trip to victory lane, as he hit 2-for-3 at the plate, made two runs, and recorded four RBIs. His three-run triple helped the Jets open a

6-0 lead at the bottom of the first.

Three unearned runs in the second inning moved the Twins closer, but that was also the only time they scored, while the Jets logged seven more runs in the last three innings to nail the easy win via 10-run mercy rule. The Jets collected on runs apiece in the second and fourth inning and five in the third.

James Salalila was the winning pitching, allowing only two hits, while striking seven in three innings.

Meanwhile, the Little Legals were ahead in a make-up game against the Ol'Aces, 13-1.

The match was suspended after two innings due to rain.

The Little Legals threatened an early breakaway behind the grand slam of Pedro Maratita right in the first inning. The rare grand slam was recorded

in the Little Legals catcher's second trip at the plate in that inning. He earlier advanced to first off an Ol'Aces error and made it all the way home off Sean Rabauliman's single. The Little Legals tucked on 11 runs in the first inning with four batters drilling two runs each.

The Ol'Aces had a shutout at the bottom of the first, as they had two stranded runners after the Little Legals got back-to-back outs. Leadoff batter Shane Borja was called for the first out with his fly ball landing on the hands of Little Legals second baseman Lucio Aldan.

An RBI single in the second inning put the Ol'Aces on the board, while the Little Legals took two runs earlier at the top of the second to still lead by double digits.

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from escaping with an upset when Tindin Deleon Guerrero struck out leadoff batter Virgil Secharmidal and second batter Ethan Babauta flied off to right field. Agda was next at bat for the Enforcers and advanced off an error from the Red Sox

shortstop, while Muna singled, moving the former to third and later to home plate off a fielder's choice. Muna also did not take long to reach home, as Rangamar hit his target and foiled the Red Sox's bid to hand the Enforcers their first loss.

The Enforcers, who got seven runs in the first four innings, were quiet in the fifth and sixth,

while the Red Sox earned five runs in the first three innings and then bagged three more in the sixth to threaten the division leader before falling short in the end.

In the other close game last Sunday, the Falcons scored four runs in the sixth inning to nose out the Fielders.

Down at 5-8 after five com-

plete inning, the Falcons turned the tables on the Fielders at the bottom of the sixth after registering four runs off an RBI single from Ace Evangelista and three errors from foes. The Falcons kept the shaky lead and the win when relief pitcher Austin Deleon Guerero struck out leadoff batter Alvin Pua at the top of the seventh, shortstop Bennen Iguel

caught a line drive from Christian Lizama, and Lifofoi and Evangelista teamed up for a 4-3 putout play on Yuichan Onuki.

Meanwhile, in the third Junior League game, Comets topped the Jets, 11-6.

Comets relied on a steady offense, scoring in six of the seven complete inning game, while the Jets had a roller-coaster performance at bat.

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third Tan Holdings FC player to score in the weekend match.

In other girls U15 results, MP United crushed Kanoa FC, while Matansa FC and Shirley's FC duelled in a scoreless draw.

MP United was on target right from the get-go, firing five goals in the first half. Jayda Mendoza drilled back-to-back goals (20th and 24th minute), while Karleen Reyes also had a pair (12th and 29th minute), and

Gillian Villagomez drew first blood for MP United with her goal in the ninth minute.

Reyes the completed a hat-trick when she registered MP United's first goal in the second half, while Villagomez got another one in the closing minutes of the match.

MP United was also victorious in the boys U15 game, topping Tan Holdings FC, 2-0.

Ba Da Lee started off MP United's offense with his goal in the 28th minute, while Koki Yamada tallied the other goal in the 63rd.

It was the third win in a row in a day for MP United, as its U18 team downed Tan Holdings, 5-1.

MP United opened a 2-0 halftime lead in the morning game at the Hopwood pitch behind the goals of Daniel Lim and Tanapon Unsa in the 14th and 28th minute, respectively. Namki Kim made it a 3-0 advantage right into the third minute of the second half, while Unsa earned his second goal in the 63rd minute to move MP United further.

Two minutes after Unsa's

second goal, Tan Holdings finally scored, thanks to Sean Perez's goal. However, MP United still had the last say with Lim also getting his second goal 15 minutes before the 90-minute match wrapped up.

In the other boys U18 tiff, Paire coasted past Matansa, 7-3.

Ethan Dickinson had a hat-trick for Paire, while Joe Fruit, Young Hyun Ryou, Ryu Tanzawa, and Billy Hinson chipped in one goal apiece. James Ermitano had a pair for Matansa, which got one goal from Even Belcher.

Matansa was still in the game after the first down, behind by only one, 2-3. Ermitano scored Matansa's first two goals (12th and 36th minute), while Fruit drew first blood for Paire off a penalty shot in the 11th. Ryou gave Paire the lead in the 31st minute, 2-1, before Ermitano equalized. Dickinson's first goal two minutes before the first half ended put Paire back on top.

Paire never relinquished the driver's seat from thereon, as Dickinson kept going and got help from Tanzawa and Hinson in the second half.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	29	.567	—
Brooklyn	35	31	.530	2½
New York	28	40	.412	10½
Boston	23	46	.333	16
Philadelphia	15	53	.221	23½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	46	20	.697	—
Washington	35	32	.522	11½
Charlotte	33	36	.478	14½
Atlanta	31	35	.470	15
Orlando	19	50	.275	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	50	18	.735	—
Chicago	38	30	.559	12
Cleveland	26	42	.382	24
Detroit	25	42	.373	24½
Milwaukee	13	55	.191	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	51	16	.761	—
Houston	45	22	.672	6
Memphis	40	27	.597	11
Dallas	41	28	.594	11
New Orleans	27	40	.403	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	49	18	.731	—
Portland	44	24	.647	5½
Minnesota	34	32	.515	14½
Denver	31	37	.456	18½
Utah	22	47	.319	28

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	48	21	.696	—
Golden State	43	26	.623	5
Phoenix	39	29	.574	8½
Sacramento	24	44	.353	23½
L.A. Lakers	22	45	.328	25

x-clinched playoff spot

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

XTERRA Saipan preparations on track

Preparations for next month's XTERRA Saipan Championship are on track, as organizers are almost done with the clearing jobs along the bike and run courses of the off-road triathlon race.

"Ninety percent of the bike and run courses are complete (outside of AMP) with blue arrows for the bike and red for the run," said Wolf Mojica, president of Taga, Inc., which is in charge of organizing XTERRA Saipan.

This year's XTERRA Saipan will take place on April 5 and will be the last stop of the XTERRA Asia Triple Crown. The three-leg event kicked off in the Philippines last Saturday, while the second leg will be held in Guam on March 29. Dan Hugo and Renata Bucher won the kickoff and they are now in Guam, aiming for back-to-back wins.

The XTERRA Philippines champions are among the 13 pros joining XTERRA's Crown



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Saipan bikers pose for a photo during a break in their practice ride for XTERRA Saipan Championships at the "Sound of Music."

MP United FC off to Japan tourney



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Players, coaches, and team managers of MP United pose for a photo after a practice session at the Gaparan Elementary School Field last Tuesday.

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MP United Football Club's delegates to the 2014 Pacific Ocean Cup left Saipan for Japan yesterday afternoon.

The club's delegation is composed of 13 players, two team managers, and two coaches. Leading MP United FC players' roster is Sun Joon Tenorio, while Francesca Bucalig, Maaya Sato, Maury Zon Tybaco, Geon Ho Lee, Jon and Gillian Villagomez, Daniele Colombo, Eun Syu Hahn, Edwin Kim, Steven Goodwin, Christian Bravo, and Seung Mok You complete the team. James McAllister coaches the squad, while Chris Park will be his assistant. May Ling

Colombo and Angelina Villagomez are the co-team managers.

The 2014 Pacific Ocean Cup will be held this Sunday at the Inno Gotemba in Shizuoka with MP United playing against hosts Vivid Blue A and B, Hamasukaka FC, and Yamana-kako FC.

"Most of the players on the squad will be competing in an off-island tournament for the first time, while three—Gillian Villagomez, Tenorio, and Kim—have experienced what was it like to compete outside Saipan as members of the CNMI national youth teams. This will be MP



United FC's fourth trip to Japan and the assistant coach of the team (Park) was even part of the first squad (2009) selected to go to Japan," MP United technical director and vice president Norman Del Rosario said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Del Rosario added that squad is hoping to keep the Pacific Ocean Cup title, which the club won in 2013 on Saipan against the visiting Vivid Club. MP United downed its sister club from Japan, 3-1, in last year's finals. Kanoa FC and Tan Holdings also played in the 2013 Pacific Ocean Cup.

"We've been telling our play-

ers to have fun, enjoy the game, and make a lot of new friends in Japan, but of course we want them to bring the POC Cup back to Saipan," Del Rosario said, adding that the Japan trip gives players a chance to improve their skills.

"They will see other players' skills and levels and with these they would know what are the things they need to work on to become better players," the MP United official said.

Meanwhile, after this weekend's tournament, MP United will host the second leg of the Pacific Ocean Cup next week, while the club has also lined up a few more off-island tournaments for the different age group teams.

Jewel next month.

"It's going to be an exciting competition once the pros get into Saipan," said Mojica.

After the tournament in Guam next Saturday, the pros are expected to go all out in the last leg on Saipan for the rare three-peat. Australia's Ben Allen, who finished third behind Hugo and Bradley Weiss in last weekend's XTERRA Philippines, accomplished that feat last year.

Allen and the other pros are among the 64 individuals who have registered for XTERRA Saipan. Participants come from

Australia, South Africa, Russia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Japan, Guam, and Saipan.

Meanwhile, registration for Tagaman Triathlon, which is set for April 12, is also ongoing so far 79 have signed up for the event. Japan has the most participants so far with 30, while two Korean bets have also signed up.

The organizing committee for Tagaman and XTERRA Saipan has been busy making all kinds of arrangements and coordination. Volunteers for the different aid stations are still being solicited. The committee would like to thank the various agencies for their assistance: MVA, Department of Public Safety, Department of Parks & Recreation, CHC, Department of Public Works, Division of Boating Safety, Saipan Mayor's Office, landowners, Amateur Radio Club of Saipan and the major sponsors which are PIC, DFS, Docomo Pacific, IT&E, Coca-Cola, Subway, Glimpses Advertising Glimpses Publications, Foremost, Triple J Enterprises, Triple J Wholesale, Hertz Rent A Car, Hyatt Regency Saipan, J's Restaurant, Bridge Capital, Brabu Pharmacy, and John Jones.

The committee is also calling for the public's cooperation, understanding, and patience in ensuring the safety of all the participants before and during the race. Motorists

and pedestrians are advised to take extra caution along the XTERRA and Tagaman routes and are encouraged to come to AMP to cheer for the participants. (*Saipan Tribune*)



RGA head sets score to beat for March Ace

Refaluwasch Golf Association president Ray Tigilau moved closer to bagging the RGA March Ace after ruling the qualifying tournament early this month at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Tigilau shot a net 71 in the qualifier, showing consistency at the Talafofo course with his 42s on the front and back nines. The RGA head holds a 13 handicap and deducting this from his gross score of 84, he ended up six strokes ahead of Rep. Tony Benavente and Manny Mangarero.

With the win in the March 9 tournament, Tigilau sets the score to beat in this Sunday's competition, also at Kingfisher. If no RGA member scores better than 71 in the event that has a show time at 11am, Tigilau will secure the March Ace.

Meanwhile, Benavente won over Mangarero in the

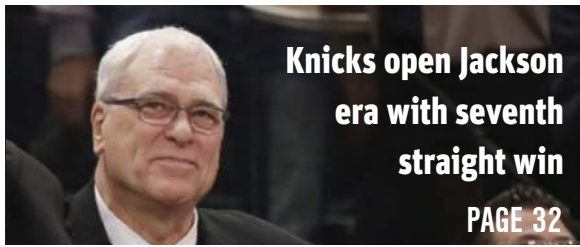
tiebreak for second place. The two golfers carded similar net scores of 77 with the 7-handicapper Benavente firing 42s on both nines and the 8-handicapper Mangarero registering a 42 in the first nine holes and 43 in the last.

The lawmaker also won the closest to the pin contests on par 3 holes—No. 6 and 15.

Joining Tigilau, Benavente, and Mangarero in the qualifier were February Ace Sonny Flores (81), Tom Tebuteb (82), Tars Olopai (83), Asterio Tawanpiy (83), Joe Saures (87), and Nick Leone Guerrero (90).

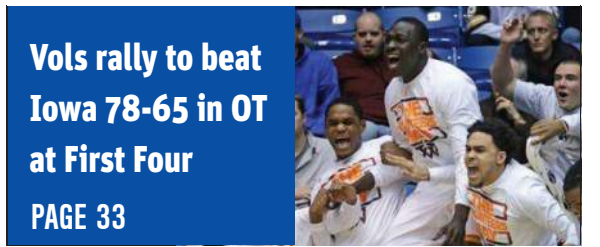
For more information about this Sunday's March Ace and other RGA events, contact tournament director Mangarero at 285-2610, RGA secretary Uly Kapileo at 989-8269, and Tebuteb at 483-2589. (*Saipan Tribune*)





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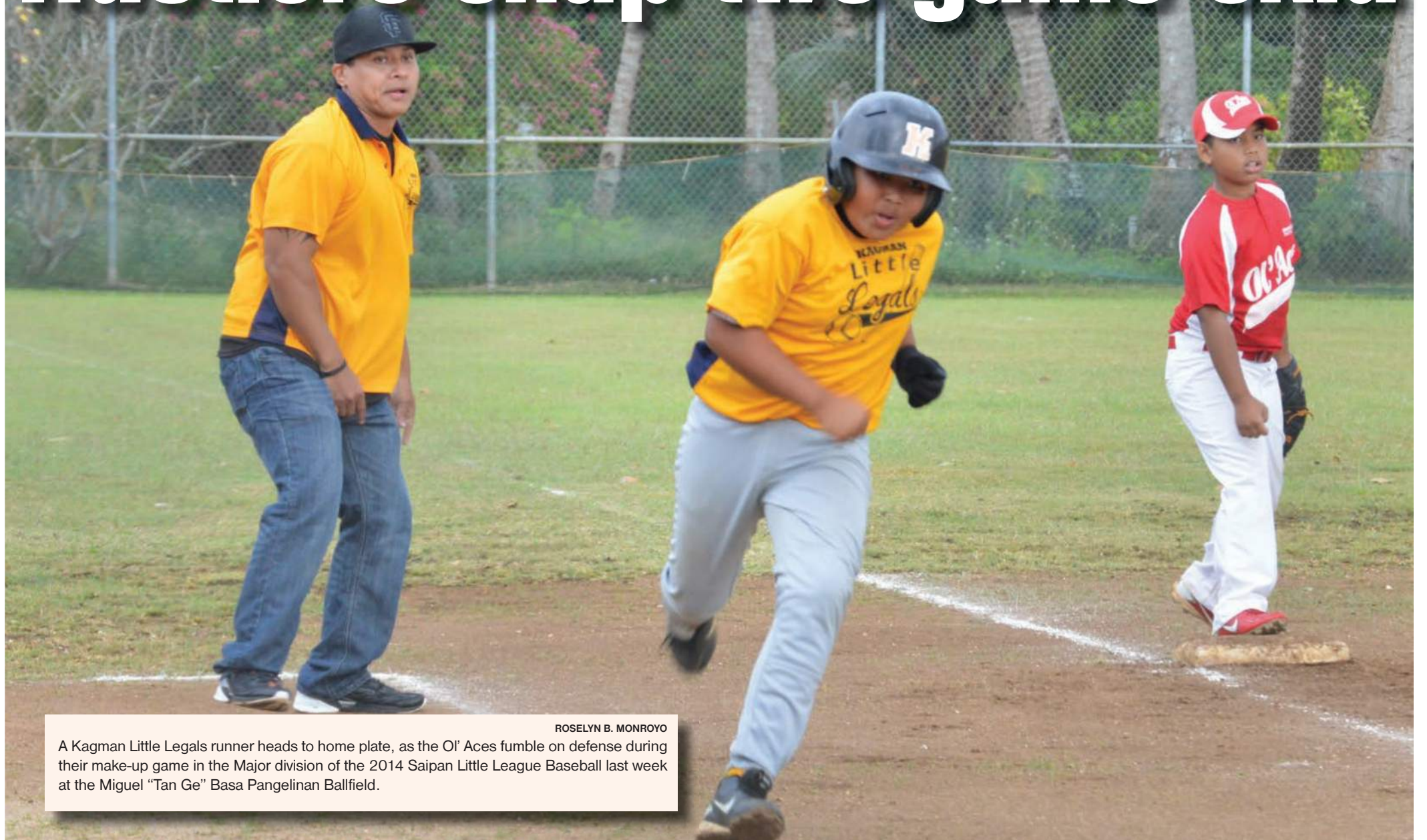


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Hustlers snap two-game skid



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Kagman Little Legals runner heads to home plate, as the Ol' Aces fumble on defense during their make-up game in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Hustlers are back on track, following a 15-13 victory over the IP&E Rockies in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Hustlers, who won their first three games before dropping the next two, played consistent offense in the first four innings and withstood the Rockies' rally in the sixth to snap their losing skid. The Rockies absorbed their fourth defeat in a row, falling to a 3-6 record.



Closer Juan Lizama led the Hustlers' win, as he went 3-for-4 at the plate and scored six RBIs and three runs. He pitched 2.7 innings and struck out seven.

A Juan Lizama two-run single, quickly put the Hustlers on the board at the bottom of the first in-
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Close wins for Falcons, Enforcers



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Falcons outfielder throws to first base to beat a Comets runner during a first round game in the a Junior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The JPO Enforcers and Falcons thwarted separate foes in Junior League division games in the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The league-leading Enforcers were paired against defending champions Red Sox and pulled off a 9-8 win to remain undefeated in nine games. Shortstop Shakobe Rangamar made the game-winning hit with his sin-

gle bringing Ton Muna home at the bottom of the seventh inning.

Muna's run was the Enforcers' second in the last inning. Kier Agda scored the first one off a fielder's choice to tie the match and prevent the Red Sox from recording an upset. The Red Sox boosted their chances to end the Enforcers' winning run after taking an 8-7 lead, going into the bottom of the seventh and last inning.

The defending champions then moved one out away
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Tan Holdings FC tops Paire FC



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A Paire FC player, right, leads a foot race during the second half of their game against Tan Holdings FC in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Chevy Kate Alipio and Chloe Salvosa scored two goals apiece to lift Tan Holdings FC to a 5-2 win over Paire FC in the girls U15 division of the 2014 NMIFA Spring Youth Football League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Alipio and Salvosa fired one goal each in the first half to give Tan Holdings the halftime edge. Guinevere Borja canned the lone goal for Paire and also nailed the second one in the final frame, failing to draw help from her teammates. Alipio and Salvosa lit up the board, too in the final 45 minutes of play, while Krizel Mae Tuazon was the
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